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## Vic, NSW get set for new leagues

The NSW board of management is expected to ratify a plan this week to relegate the clubs that finish in the last four places in State League this season while the Victorian Soccer Federation is gearing itself to run a 16-team State League in 1987.

That's the reaction of the big two of Australian soccer to the NSL's determination to run a 14-team, one-league competition next season.

The NSL's move will send Green Gully back to the Victorian State League. Canterbury, Canberra, Inter Monaro and Newcastle Rosebud look certain to play in the NSW State League next season and could be joined by APIA, St George and Wollongong. However, chances are that just one of the latter group will be in State League ranks next year.

The 14 teams for the 1987 NSL will be chosen according to a formula which awards points for past performances, placings in this year's competition and crowd support. APIA, St George and Wollongong are hovering close to the cut-off mark.

Should the 1987 NSW State League include Canterbury, Canberra, Inter Monaro, Newcastle Rosebud and either APIA, St George or Wollongong that would leave it with a 13-team competition. However, the NSW federation is forced, under its constitution, to promote at least one club and relegate at least one club. Faced with a 13-team league, the NSW bosses simply can include the Second Division champion in what will become a 14-team

competition. Currently, there are 12 teams in the NSW State League.

But having to include the Second Division champion could cause problems if more than just one of the trio involving APIA, St George and Wollongong get kicked out of the NSL.

Would the NSW bosses go for a 14-team league? Would more than four clubs currently in State League be relegated to allow for a 12-team competition including all the clubs returning from the NSL fold?

These questions will remain unanswered for some time.

However, the picture is a little clearer in Victoria.

It's almost certain that the VSF won't be running a Super League next year.

Even if George Cross and Melbourne Croatia join Green Gully in the 1987 Victorian State League, the VSF bosses believe that there would be nothing particularly super about a competition involving those three and say the top seven State League clubs of 1986.

And that's the current policy of the VSF. If it forms a Super League it will be a 10-team competition including at least

five or six of the best clubs in the state. And as far as the VSF is concerned, "best" means Melbourne-based NSL clubs.

Let's say that just Green Gully returns to the VSF fold next year. The VSF is adamant that its two-up, two-down system of promotion and relegation will be strictly adhered to. That then would leave us with 15 teams in State League.

The VSF then will promote the third-placed Victorian League First Division club. That will have a flow-on effect throughout Victorian League and Provisional League ranks with Fourth Division of the Provisional Leagues possibly comprising an uneven number of clubs.

However, Amateur League clubs are welcome to apply for admission to Fourth Division of the Provisional Leagues, providing a vacancy exists.

It's important to realise that whether just one or even two clubs drop out of the NSL and join State League, no Victorian League or Provisional League club will be disadvantaged. Indeed, if only Green Gully drops out of the NSL, many Victorian League and Provisional League clubs will benefit.

By CRAIG Mac KENZIE



● Perry Mur

## CRASH!

Springvale City goalkeeper Perry Mur could have been killed in the 42nd minute of last Sunday's Victorian State League match against St Albans Dinamo. Mur back - pedalled to tip the ball over the bar and ended up clutching the net. To everyone's amazement, one of the goalposts snapped about three quarters of the way up. Down came the crossbar and the other post leaving Mur on the ground tangled in the net.

The crossbar had missed Mur's head by centimetres. Referee Bernie Upjohn halted the match. Springvale officials worked feverishly to erect new goals and the game eventually restarted.

Perry's older brother, Peter, jumped up at the crossbar over 10 years ago during a league game between Springvale and Brighton and the bar snapped in half. That game had to be abandoned because there were no replacement posts and crossbar available.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

## BANKS

Gordon Banks, England's greatest goalkeeper, will visit Melbourne in November to help promote the Qantas World Cup for players representing their countries of origin.

Tournament organiser Tony Kennedy signed up Banks during a recent visit to England.

And former England international Tom Finney has agreed to attend the 1987 Qantas World Cup.

Banks, 48, was capped 73 times from 1963 to 1972. Kennedy wants to hear from clubs wishing to engage Banks for sportsmen's nights or special appearances. He can be contacted on (03) 763 7542.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Coach Les Scheinflug is entitled to gloat over the success of his national youth team.

He remembers ruefully being sacked by the ASF in March, 1984, even though his senior Soccer team had won the Merlion Cup in Singapore, and he had guided the youth team in the 1981 and 1983 World Youth Championships.

After a two-year exile, he returned with a roar last week, guiding the youth Soccer team to victories of 3-0 and 6-1 against Czechoslovakia's youth team, before they lost 0-4 in Newcastle in the final match.

At the time of his sacking in 1984, Scheinflug said: "Since coming back from Singapore where we won the Merlion Cup, I've been in hospital on numerous occasions, trying to get knives removed from my back. It's time the people who have made the wrong decisions for 10 years had their mistakes looked at very closely. We're back to the bad old days of post 1974. We're self-destructing again."

ASF president Sir Arthur George said at the time that Arok, who was appointed to replace Scheinflug, had more European experience than Scheinflug.



● Gordon Banks

## GLOAT

Arok, however, strongly supported Scheinflug's appointment as youth coach earlier this year, and between them they will determine Australia's fate in the 1987 World Youth Championship, the 1988 Olympic Games and the 1990 World Cup.

If the 3-0 and 6-1 victories over Czechoslovakia are any guide, Australia may have its best youth team yet.

"This team has more speed than previous sides, everyone is willing to shoot and there are always players following up shots that are

blocked. The players are clicking as a unit and they're all keen to prove themselves," Scheinflug said.

Explaining his tactics, Scheinflug said: "The Czechs are extremely skilful, so you have to prevent them from building up their game from the back. To that end, our two strikers, Edwards and Scott Ollershaw, hassled the opposing centre-backs, and we also tried to stop the Czech full backs from coming forward."

● See match reports, page 7

## A new Press award

A trophy for the Victorian (Metropolitan) League player of the year has been added to the Press awards to be presented at Arion Receptions, Johnston Street, Fitzroy, on September 26.

The Bill Fleming Medal for the State League Player of the Year will be presented. The following also will be honored: Victorian NSL player of the year, best Victorian coach, under 21 player, coach and referee, and Victorian all-star team of the year.

Tickets are available to the public at \$21 each or \$40 for a double. The cost covers food, drink and entertainment.

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● Les Scheinflug



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## PROMOTION GALORE!

Let's look at the revamped league competition in Victoria for 1987, making the following assumptions: That only Green Gully is relegated from the NSL and joins a 16-team State League competition; that the VSF makes Victorian and Provisional leagues 14-team competition using promotion to do so. These tables are based on standings before last week's round of matches.

**STATE LEAGUE**  
Green Gully, Springvale City, Croydon, Box Hill, St Albans, Dinamo, Frankston Pines, Fawkner, Western suburbs, Marwell, Falcons, Thomastown, Caulfield, Camerale, Ringwood, Willemina, Broadmeadows, Akeigh, Nurawading City.

**VICTORIAN LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION**  
Melbourne-Hungaria, Polonia, SM-Mordialloc, Sun-

bury, Doncaster Rovers, Altona Gate, Werribee, Knox City, North Dandenong, Richmond, Albion Turk, Guco, Bulleen, Dandenong City, Essendon-Triestina.

### SECOND DIVISION

Doveton, Mornington, North Geelong, Royal Richmond, Waverley City, Prahran Celtic, Hamlyn Rangers, Eltham, Ringwood United, Sandringham, Altona City, Moorabbin, Springvale United, Yallourn.

### THIRD DIVISION

Keilor Austria, Moreland, Park Rangers, Rosanna, Clifton Hill, Bell Park, Moorabbin, Fernside, Gully, Yarraville, Corio, Geelong, Port Melbourne, West Brunswick, Clarendon, Boroona.

### FOURTH DIVISION

Prahran, Caburg, Hawthorn, Holland Park, Langwarrin, Keysborough, East Brunswick, Karingal United, Heidelberg-Bundoora, Lalor United, Seaford United, Geelong United, Pascoe Vale, Ivanhoe City.

### PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

**FIRST DIVISION**  
Brighton, Ballarat, Williamstown, Central City, Greensborough, Ardeer, Malvern City, Clayton, East Preston, East Geelong, Chelsea, North Sunshine, Melton, Regent.

### SECOND DIVISION

Berwick City, Warrimoo, Mossfield Rangers, Monash University, Cranbourne, Forest Hill, Brunswick City, Dingley United, Monbulk, Westmeadows, Balmain United, Glenroy, South Springvale, South Yarra.

### THIRD DIVISION

South Dandenong, University of Melbourne, Ascot Vale City, Burwood United, Meadow Park, Richmond United, Port United, Mitcham, Altona United, St Kilda, Waverley United, Northern United, Lalor, Kensington United.

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# Fawkner loses Talajic but wins the final

**FAWKNER 2 (Xuereb 15th, Emmanuel 18th) MOOROOLBARK 1, Victorian Technical Schools final at Albert Park, Ground No. 7.**

Despite the sending off of Captain Mark Talajic, the Melbourne Croatia defender, Fawkner Technical School proved a worthy winner of the 1986 Victorian championship.

Talajic was sent off after just 20 minutes for dissent in a game marred by a series of fouls but the 10 men of Fawkner already had taken a firm grip on the championship trophy.

Two goals within three minutes had seen to that. The scorers were Chris Xuereb and Sam Emmanuel.

The second half saw some tremendous end-to-end soccer with both outfits often going close to scoring.

But Mooroolbark had to wait until injury time to score a consolation goal from the penalty spot.

Fawkner's triumph was the culmination of four months of hard work by coach Bill Panas and his boys. Fawkner's record in the competition was: won 11, drawn 0, lost 1, goals for: 63; goals against: 11.

It is worth noting that only half of Panas's squad plays soccer outside school and four of the regulars play Australian Rules Football on weekends.

Despite being sent off, Talajic adds his name to a distinguished group of captains who have led their schools to success in this competition, a most notable being Soccerroo star Oscar Crina.



● Fawkner Technical School, 1986 Victorian champion. Back row: Mark Vassallo, Elvis Mariani, Ivica Glavic, Roger Strohhecker, Frank Hatzimihalis, Mark Talajic, Chris Xuereb, Bill Panas (coach). Front row: Goran Bozinovski, Sam Emmanuel, Stephen Radislovic, S. Pannunzio, Fabio Fortuna, Renato Bistic, B. Pannunzio.



## Fluminense loses shoot-out

Brazilian champion Fluminense mesmerised Manchester United with sheer skill but lost on a penalty shoot-out after a pre-season charity match had ended in a scoreless draw in Manchester last week.

Parading Paraguayan international midfielder Romerito — one of the stars of the World Cup in Mexico — Fluminense treated 32,000 fans to as stylish display but found Manchester goalkeeper Chris Turner in inspired form.

Turner is expected to keep England's third-choice keeper Gary Bailey out of the United side next season.

After Washington had narrowly missed with a 20th minute header, Romerito carved out an opening for Striker Tato but his close-range shot was pushed onto the bar by Turner.

United also had chances, the best of which was a close-range shot by Frank Stapleton in the opening minute which was saved by Faolo Victor.

In the closing minutes of regulation time United defender Paul McGrath struck a post but the match was goalless.

Skill has been neglected in the preparation of Czechoslovakia's youth team, according to Czech national coach Josef Masopust.

While the young Czechs were being hammered 6-1 by Australia's youth team in Brisbane, Masopust said in Adelaide.

"Something has gone wrong with the boys' preparation. There has been too much emphasis on fitness, and skill has been forgotten."

"Last month, I was at an international coaching seminar in Berlin where everyone emphasised the importance of concentrating on skill training, and working with the ball, but I think that hasn't been done with youth players."

Masopust, a former European Footballer of the Year and voted best player of the 1962 World Cup in Chile, spoke also about Dragoslav Sekularac, Czech players who have played for Australian clubs and Willie Schroif's mistakes in Chile.



● Joe Venglos (seated, right) and Schroif, with Slovan Bratislava, from left: Venzel, Horvath, Popluhar, Urban, Fiala, Schroif. Front: Adamec, Cvetler, Jokl, Pisarik, Hrdlicka, Venglos.

with Melbourne club Slavia in the sixties, from left, standing: Cook, Schroif, High, Shepherd, McGorquodale; Front: James, Savage, Randles, Reed, Jurecki.  
● RIGHT: Josef Masopust in his prime at Dukla Prague.

## Masopust brings news of Schroif, Venglos

Goalkeeper Schroif still is blamed for Czechoslovakia's 1-3 loss to Brazil in the 1962 World Cup final. Masopust said.

"For the rest of the World Cup, he was first-class," he said. "But in this final he made mistakes I have never seen since. First, he was about to take an easy ball, but dropped it at the feet of Vava who scored. He said later the sun



got in his eyes. Then he went for a cross by Amarildo, throwing himself towards the near post. Goalkeepers do not miss the ball in that situation, but Willie did, and the ball went in behind him."

Schroif later played for Slavia in Melbourne, and also represented Victoria. "He was still playing two years ago, at the age of 50, with a small team," Masopust said. "Now he is on the central committee of sport in Bratislava."

Joe Venglos, who coached Prague in Sydney and had charge of the Soccerroo for a series against Scotland in 1967, is in his third year in Malaysia. "He was sent there by FIFA to help develop the game," Masopust said. "He also is in charge of the national team, and acts as an adviser to one of the clubs."

Former Czech international Tomas Kraus played for Slavia in the late sixties. He spent three years in Cyprus and now coaches the youth team at Sparta Prague.

We also asked Masopust about some of the Czech stars who toured here with the Czech national team and Slovan Bratislava. That fine forward, Marian Masny, played in the Second Division until last year, and the Capkovic brothers, Jan and Josef, are with Red Star in Bratislava, one as coach and the other as secretary, but Karel Jokl is no longer associated with soccer.

Masopust was sorry not to have seen Sekularac, the former Yugoslav international who has made Footscray JUST one of the finest teams in Australia. "I remember Seki well. He was a great player and a very fine man. I directed the Yugoslav team from the midfield. I would love to see him again. Please give him my regards."

Masopust said his present Czech team is not nearly as good as the one that toured in 1960, beating Australia 4-0, 5-0 and drawing 2-2.

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# Czechs couldn't take it!

**We shut them up  
— Hristodoulou**

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The Czechoslovakian youth players had their big mouths shut and although they didn't mind dishing out the rough stuff, they certainly couldn't take it, says Australian youth star Lou Hristodoulou.

"They (the Czechs) were real cocky in the first game in Hobart. They kept running around and calling us kangaroos. I think that that's just about all they could say in English but it didn't bother us. We soon shut their mouths," said Hristodoulou, the only survivor from Jim Shoulder's team that played in the World Youth Championships in the Soviet Union last year.

"They weren't so cocky up in Brisbane when we thumped them 6-1. In fact they packed it in after we scored our second goal." Hristodoulou sees marked differences in the playing style and discipline adopted by Shoulder and current youth boss Les Scheinbug.

Shoulder, according to Hristodoulou, favoured a British style of game based on long passing. One of Hristodoulou's team mates in Shoulder's side, Alex Bundalo of APIA, backed up that assessment when interviewed in "Soccer Action" earlier this year. Bundalo said:

"We were supposed to hit the corner flags all the time. We didn't even have to look up, just go bang and aim for the corner flags and the forwards were supposed to be there every time because they knew what we were doing."

"I didn't like playing like that. It meant that the defenders were just pumping long balls forward and the midfielders didn't get involved enough."

Hristodoulou claims the European style of game favored by Scheinbug was the key to the young Socceroos' success against the Czechs, who are highly-rated in Europe and used the recently concluded three-match series against Australia to prepare for their coming battle with the Soviets, Romania and Turkey in the European Youth Championships.

"We try to build it up from the back now, which means that the midfielders are involved a lot. We hit long balls if they're on but only rarely. We're playing a game similar to say, West Germany. Under Jim Shoulder we played a British style of game."

"The Czechs used two guys up front — a fast guy and a big guy. They pinged quite a few long balls forward to try to get the fast guy going but they didn't have much success. I still rate them. I think that they're a very good team. It's just that we're a lot better."

Hristodoulou was used as a right-sided midfielder in a 4-4-2 formation and he didn't have any trouble getting a lot of the ball. In part that was due to the relationship struck in midfield between John Markovski of George Cross and Jason Polak of the Institute of Sport.

Hristodoulou leaves a youth team brimful of confidence after defeating the Czechs in the three-match series which ended in northern NSW last weekend and turns his attention this week to his club duties with Adelaide Hellas and his university studies.

He is in the first year of a science course at Adelaide University and faces an important exam later this week.

Adelaide Hellas also faces an important test in coming weeks to see whether or not it can maintain its NSL status.

"We've got the players at Hellas, that's for sure, and we believe in ourselves. We've just had a lot of bad luck this season but we can still make the final 14."

"If we don't I'll be off to either Melbourne or Sydney. I've got to keep playing in the NSL and there's no way I'd join Adelaide City. That's a club that's never appealed to me."



\* LOU HRISTODOULOU (back row, second from right), with the Adelaide Hellas team. From left, standing: Allan Scott, Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Martyn Crook, Graham Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Gary Ward. Front: Brian McLaughlin, Gary Price, John Panagis, Tim Brown, George Konstantopoulos, Chris Manou. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

## Whingeing comes only from the losers

LES MURRAY

It's hard to believe, but we might just be doing it again. Emasculating ourselves. Taking running steps backwards instead of a short strut forward. Snuffing out progress because factional and club interests are more important than the game.

It was predictable perhaps, but the whine and the whinge from clubs threatened by the 14-team format is nonetheless disconcerting.

I am sorry, but when officials of clubs threatened by relegation because their performances on the field have not been good enough, begin to pontificate about the future of the league and the game, I do not believe for a moment in their sincerity.

I have heard no eleventh-hour objections from the Sydney Olympics, the Footscray, the Juventus, the Sydney Croats.

There is no trembling fear from the teams that are likely to survive about the crippling financial burden the 14-team format will place upon them.

The whinging comes, in part, from clubs that survived in the past only by legislation, only because a 24-team competition created room for them and through an artificial prop which in fact did nothing for soccer in their district and precious less in the country.

### Poverty

Those who suddenly cry out in opposition to the new format (rather obscenely, I must say, because the league did, democratically, legislate for it early this year) all argue that a national title would still be achieved through a play off system after a maze of winners has been arrived at in the various splinter leagues and divisions around the country.

They miss the point. Soccer in this country, suffering from a poverty of talent and class, is too diluted. There are too many clubs calling on too little talent. It is why \$32,000 was paid for Manis Lamond, a figure thought to be outrageous by many.

Because demand badly outstrips supply! We might gloat about how Australia is 13th best in the world at youth level and how our young geniuses are being snapped up by European clubs.

Being 13th best in the world may warm the heart but it is precious little when our seniors are about the 35th of 40th best. As for our players being in huge demand in Europe, we should be wary of false impressions.

### Greek

Only Craig Johnston and Eddie Krncevic play with clubs of any distinction in Europe. Some of our players appear to be good enough for Greece — but only because, being of Greek parentage, they are a convenient loophole in the foreign player quota system and, more likely, because Greece still belongs to the 'B' echelon of European football.

For goodness sake, Oscar Crino, one of the most gifted footballers to emerge in Australia in the past decade, plays in Cyprus. Our football is poor and was before the reckless split was imposed on the national league in 1984. That split made it poorer, diluting the meagre class and player talent we have.

Concentrating that talent into a 14-team league (actually SBS viewers overwhelmingly favored a 12-team competition in a TV poll last year) is just a small,

sensible step in the right direction.

There is surely no argument that a 14-team league, chosen on playing merit, will not be a stronger league and produce better football. Expensive, yes, but stronger and better.

So we have to decide whether we want expensive good soccer or cheap poor soccer. And some of us have to decide whether they're in fact soccer fans or merely the wavers of flags.

### Cheating

Sure, we all have our clubs, our States and our districts. In my case, it is not unknown that St George Budapest is the club closest to my heart (although I do not give a damn about my State or my district).

If St George, at the moment far from having a guaranteed place in next year's league, is relegated, I will retain my interest in them. I would still watch for their results and go and see them whenever I could.

But if they survived by legislation, I would desert them, snub them because in my eyes they would be the beneficiaries of cheating.

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This week's hat-trick heroes: Tony Koumis, Colin Kelly, Dryden Robertson, Mark Favero, four goals (Eltham North); Ice Kutlesovski, 12 (Altona Gate Vardar); Peter Filipovic, 14, Martin Milko, 9 (South Parkmore); Daniel Allsup, Michael Segorovich, Brett Penman, Daniel Byrne, Robert Zeegers, John Harrop, Peter Harrop (Monbulk); Kerry Bright, 11 (Boronia Heights Primary School); Miro Stolic, Joseph Didulica, Emil Marinovic, four goals, Ante Skoko (North Geelong); Con Harbis, 11 (South Springvale).

## Sigur quits

Melbourne Croatia president Joe Sigur (pictured) ended his second term as leader of the club last week. Sigur resigned because he "was just fed up with everything."

Sigur hit out at the NSL bosses in "Soccer Action" recently and made it clear this would be his last year as president of Croatia.

But time ran out for the man who took over from Ivan Pavlovic early in 1982. "I was getting sick of everything. It's not easy to run a big club. You have to devote almost all of your time but I couldn't and it wasn't fair that the club should suffer because of that," said Sigur.

Vice-presidents Steve Mandekic and Jack Skoblar will run the club till elections are held at the annual general meeting.

Mandekic is in his fifth year on the committee. Skoblar has been on the committee for the past three years.

"You've heard of twin strikers, haven't you? Well, we're twin presidents," said Mandekic.

"We're not scared by the job at hand. We wouldn't have taken it on if we couldn't do it and we'll go all out to keep Croatia in the National League. Why else would we have spent so much time and money on the club this year?" — CRAIG MACKENZIE

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**GREEN GULLY 1 (Ward 15th) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Brown 70th) at Green Gully Reserve. Attendance: 987.**

GREEN GULLY: Denis 6 — Hogben 7, McLennan 6, Girmaud 6, Douglas 7 — Carter 6, Quigley 6, Theodoropoulos 6 — Ward 6 (Canberra 5, Campbell 5th), Cumming 9 (Coach: Gus MacLeod).

HEIDELBERG: Ford 8 — Marley 6, Selemidis 7, Ousalkas 6, Katsakidis 6 — Pappas 7, Kanesoulis 6, Valentine 6, Tsolakis 9 — Brown 6, Wilson 6 (Coach: Brian Garvey). Best players for: Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6 Cumming (G), 5 Tsolakis (H), 4 Ford (H), 3 Selemidis (H), 2 Pappas (H), 1 Douglas (G).

**BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS 1 (Durakovic 35th) PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 2 (Smith 25th, Cole penalty 42nd) at Olympic Park. Crowd about 1500.**

JUVENTUS: Banovic 6 — Lewis 7, Brown 7, Yzendoorn 7, Campbell 8 — Palatsides 5, Petersen 7, Cullen 5, Durakovic 6 (Duke 64th), Patterson 7, Sweeney 4 (Vesnaver 4, half time). Coach: Len McKenry.

MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 7 — McLennan 6, Dobson 9, Wiedall 8, Opatinis 6 (Illoski 6, half time) — van Egmond 6, Roodhouse 6, Campbell 7, Heys 6 — Smith 8, Cole 6 (Coach: Bill Murray).

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Dobson (Mak), 5 Smith (Mak), 4 Roodhouse (Mak), 3 E Campbell (Juve), 2 Woodall (Mak), 1 R Campbell (Mak).

## NSL DETAILS

**CANBERRY CITY OLYMPIANS 0 CANTERBURY 0 at Bruce Stadium, Canberra. Crowd: 692.**

CANBERRY: Economoulos 7 — Harkins 6, Dunn 6 (Lemazine 77th), Cant 7, Mazis 9 — Serrhini 8, Hamilton 6, Palacios 7, Bryant 6 (Jovina 55th), Phillips 7, Gibson 7, Coach: Steve Bryant.

CANTERBURY: Barker 8 — Hantzis 6, Svinos 6, Radman 6, Hantzis 6 — Fieraris 6, Jibrail 6, Akoutas 6, Zaimi 7, Godzie 6, Licata 7, Coach: Dom Kapetanovic. Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Mazis (CCO), 5 Barker (CM), 4 Serrhini (CCO), 3 Zaimi (CM), 2 Phillips (CCO), 1 Cant (CCO).

**BRISBANE CITY 0 BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Richardson 27th) at Spencer Park. Crowd: about 1200.**

BRISBANE CITY: Harrison 6 — Fabrizio 7, Mengotti 8, Archer 7, Caird 7 — Chapman 6, White 6, Catalano 6, Milosevic 6 (Vasquez 6, half time) — Cooper 7, Scroggins 6, Coach: Billy Wilkinson.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 6 — R. Stewart 7, Jackson 8, Liddell 8, Niven 6 — J. Stewart 7, Ogden 8, Anderson 6 —

Wright 7, Richardson 7, Morton 6, Coach: Col Barnett. Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year Award: 6 Ogden (BL), 5 Mengotti (BC), 4 Jackson (BL), 3 Liddell (BL), 2 Richardson (BL), 1 Card (BC).

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (MacLaren 14th, Gilder 72nd) ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1856.**

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 7 — James 8, Parton 7, Richardson 7, Campels 7 — Falkner 7, MacLaren 8, Innes 6 (Markovski 78th), Bain 7 — Gilder 8, Mullen 6, Coach: John Gardner.

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McNally 6, Shillabeer 6 (Wider 81st), Flounders 6, Nyakohus 6, Tobin 7 — Melta 6, Viliari 7, Samra 6, Vidmar 6 — Mullen 7, Maxwell 5, Coach: Zoran Matc.

Best six for Ametco Travel Best Player Award: 6 MacLaren (GC), 5 James (GC), Gilder (GC), 3 Parton (GC), 2 Tobin (AC), 1 Viliari (AC).



● Gary Cole (right) of Makedonia clashes with Mike Petersen of Juventus. Cole is busy defending his lead among the NSL's all-time top scorers.

This week's NSL matches, with likely winners in capitals.

**TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)**

Adelaide Hellas v FOOTSCRAY JUST at Hindmarsh Stadium, 7.30 pm.

Melbourne Croatia v South Melbourne Hellas (draw) at Olympic Park, 7.30 pm.

Wollongong v NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD at Wollongong Showgrounds, 7.30 pm.

Sydney Olympic v APIA-Leichhardt (draw) at St. George Stadium, 7.30 pm.

Canberra Olympians v SYDNEY CROATIA at Bruce Stadium, 7.30 pm.

MARCONI v St. George Budapest at Marconi Stadium, 7.30 pm.

**SATURDAY**

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD v Marconi at Adamstown Oval, 7 pm.

**SUNDAY**

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v Brunswick-Juventus at Olympic Village, 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY JUST v Green Gully at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS v Brisbane City at Olympic Sports Field, 3 pm.

South Melbourne Hellas v Sunshine-George Cross (draw) at Middle Park, 3 pm.

Melbourne Croatia v PRESTON MAKEDONIA at Olympic park, 3 pm.

St. George Budapest v Blacktown City (draw) at St. George Stadium, 1 pm.

Sydney Olympic v Sydney City hakoah (draw) at St. George Stadium, 1 pm.

INTER MONARO v Canterbury-Marrickville at Seiffert Oval, 3 pm.

SYDNEY CROATIA v Wollongong at Croatian Sports Centre, 3 pm.

APIA-Leichhardt v Canberra Olympians at Lambert park, 3 pm.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**

NANDA NATIONAL CUP SEMI-FINALS

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v Sydney City hakoah at Olympic Park, 7.30 pm.

ADELAIDE HELLAS v Canberra Olympians, at Hindmarsh Stadium, 7.30 pm.

**Team of the week**

In brackets: number of appearances in team of week.

**BARKER (1)**  
(Canterbury)

**JAMES (2)** **DOBSON (4)** **MENGOTTI (2)** **MAZIS (1)**  
(George Cross) (Makedonia) (Brisb.City) (Canberra)

**OGDEN (3)** **MACLAREN (1)** **TSOLAKIS (1)**  
(Bris Lions) (S. Geo. Cross) (Heidelberg)

**(SMITH (1))** **GILDER (2)** **CUMMING (1)**  
(Makedonia) (S. Geo. Cross) (Green Gully)

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# Croatia, Hellas, JUST face a busy week

Footscray JUST limbered up for its bid for league leadership by beating a team of players from Victorian Yugoslav-backed clubs 3-1. Ossie Latif scored two and Vlado Stosis one, Zdravko Lujic provided most of the ammunition and Tom Karic was superb in defence.

By  
**LAURIE SCHWAB**

## Youth league

This week's NSL Youth League, Southern Division games on Sunday: Heidelberg v Juventus, 1pm, Footscray JUST v Green Gully, 1pm, Nunawading City v Frankston Pines, 3pm, South Melbourne Hellas v Sunshine George Cross, 1pm, Melbourne Croatia v Makedonia 1pm.

Results: Southern Division: Brighton 3 Footscray JUST 1, Green Gully 2 Heidelberg 1, Sunshine Geo. Cross 3 Nunawading City 0, Preston-Makedonia 3 Brunswick 0.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sun. Geo. Cross	13	2	5	9	28	
Sth Melb Hellas	11	3	2	15	25	
Heidelberg	10	3	4	27	21	
Melb. Croatia	9	2	3	19	20	
Juventus	9	1	7	23	19	
Makedonia	5	7	5	16	17	
Brighton	8	1	8	23	17	
Nunawading	6	4	6	20	27	
Green Gully	6	3	8	16	26	
Footsc. JUST	5	1	10	22	35	
Frank. Pines	2	1	13	15	40	
Fawkner	0	0	16	3	71	0

Northern Division Canberra 6 d Canterbury 3, PTS: AIS 29, Blacktown City 28, Sydney City 24, Canberra City 24, St George 23, Marconi 23, Apia Leichhardt 18, Sydney Olympic 18, Wollongong 14, Sydney Croatia 16, Newcastle 8, Canterbury 8, Inter-Monaro 7.

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JUST meets Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium tonight (Wednesday) and needs only a point to regain leadership of the NSL Southern Division following Brunswick-Juventus's 1-2 loss to Makedonia.

Melbourne Croatia's long-awaited home match against South Melbourne Hellas will be played at Olympic Park tonight, with the youth teams providing the curtain-raiser at 5.45 pm.

With a total of six matches scheduled tonight, a full round on Saturday and Sunday, and the Nanda National Cup semi-finals next Wednesday, all following the senior and youth international series against Czechoslovakia, we're placing a hell of a strain on the players and stretching the financial resources of the fans to the limit.

Heidelberg has Alan Hunter, Jeff Oliver, Ian McKie and Claude Lucchesi back to its clash with Brunswick-Juventus on Sunday, and the Cup semi-final against Sydney Hakoah at Olympic Park next Wednesday.

The next few weeks will present us with a fascinating tussle between Makedonia's Gary Cole and Hakoah's John Kosmina in the goalkeeping stakes. Cole, who faces Croatia's Dave McIntosh and George Hannah at Olympic Park on Sunday, needs goals to stay ahead of Kosmina as the all-time top scorer in NSL cup and finals matches. Cole, with 126, leads Kosmina by only two!

JUST sweeper Vojislav Vukcevic may have to serve a suspension against Green Gully on Sunday. He was found guilty by the NSL tribunal of having sworn at referee Chris Bambridge, but an appeal lodged by JUST meant he can play tonight (Wednesday).

JUST coach Dragoslav Sekularac will face a charge of ungentlemanly conduct tomorrow (Thursday). He was sent off the field by Bambridge during a recent match against George Cross.

A double-header will be played by St. George Stadium on Sunday. St. George Budapest meets Blacktown in the early match at 1 pm, followed by Sydney Olympic's clash with Sydney Hakoah at 3 pm.

APIA faces a testing week, with matches against Olympic and Canberra but if it comes through with two or three points, it will have a good chance of qualifying for the new, 14-team competition.

South Melbourne Hellas's mission is to return to the top five after being displaced by George Cross last Sunday. If it wins tonight (Wednesday), it will jump to fourth position but it has another hard game on Sunday against a George Cross team that is determined to beat the odds and finish among the 14, although defender Chris Taylor has gone overseas and will miss several matches.

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11. Arnold (S.Cr).

9. Maxwell (A.Juve).

8. Latif (JUST), R. Brown (Mar), Jones (NR).

7. Hunter (H), Lewis (M.Cr), Ingham (NR), Jurin (S.Cr), Zinni (B.Juve), Villani (A.Juve).

6. Cooper (BC), Carroll (B), Girdali (W), Crainie (SMH), Kalantzis (SO), Lowe (Mar), Wade (B.Juve).

5. Richardson (SGC), Spink (JUST), Ward (AH), Wilson (H), Mullen (A.Juve), Egan (SMH), Soper (SO), Thornthwaite (B), Johnston (SO), Kozeka (St.G), Phillips (C), Farina (S.Hak), Smith, Cole (Mak), Johnston (SO).

4. Konstandopoulos (AH), Selemidis, Lucchesi (H), Biskic (M.Cr), Lane (Mak), Estavillo (SO), Zrilic (CM), Odzakov (S.Cr), Rivero (W), Fletcher (St.G), Gomez (S.Hak), Brown (H).



# Sean Lane: from Roos to reserves



Laurie Schwab

## B. Juventus 1 Makedonia 2

Scores: 0-1 Smith 25th, 1-1 Durakovic 35th, 1-2 Cole Pen 42nd

Venue: Olympic Park

Crowd: about 1500

Referee: Alan Kibbler 6

Caution: Patterson (Juvs)

With Steve Smith finally back after injury, Makedonia coach Bill Murray had to decide whom to drop. He chose Sean Lane, who played in the youth game, which Makedonia won 3-0.

It was a shock to say the least. Lane was in the Australian B team against China last year. He was in the Soccerroo training squad for the series against Czechoslovakia.

But Murray reckons Lane hasn't been playing as well as he should and there's no denying his scoring touch had deserted him.

"I think the Hellas thing may have affected him," Murray said.

South Melbourne Hellas made a big offer for Lane before it signed Stuart Stevenson from Sydney Olympic. Lane was keen to move but Makedonia didn't let him.

"I decided late on Friday that the time had come to give Sean the chance to rediscover his form," Murray said. "The way to do that is to free him of pressure in the youth team. He did OK, setting up two of the goals."

Senior player Mile Necovski, who also had been relegated to the youth team, scored one of them.

Murray sprang other surprises in having Ian Roodhouse, usually the right back, playing at central midfield, and relegating Zoran Iliosi to the bench. Iliosi came on at half time to replace Con Opasinis who aggravated a hamstring injury.

Juventus, leader of the NSL Southern Division, lined up without Paul Wade who was in Sydney with the Soccerroos and Andrew Zinni who had injured a knee during the week.

Joe Sweeney was resurrected from the youth team to partner Scott Patterson up front. Mehmet Durakovic was



Steve Smith

brought into the line-up at left midfield and Robbie Cullen switched from the flank to central midfield to take Wade's place.

Juventus played its usual, predictable game of trying to pass virtually every ball to the two central strikers, but had little hope of success against Ian Dobson, one of the finest stoppers in the land.

And the central midfield area was blocked by Roodhouse and Ron Campbell.

Juventus left back Eddie Campbell varied the play as much as he could and was clearly his team's best player but although Juventus applied pressure to force at least a draw, Makedonia was resolute enough to hang on.

The match should have drawn a much bigger crowd than the 1500 scattered around the stadium, but many soccer fans simply turned around and went home when they failed to find parking space.

Torvill and Dean were skating in the entertainment centre next door, and Carlton was playing Collingwood at the MCG. Long lines of buses were parked along the kerb in streets around Olympic Park. The parking areas usually used by soccer patrons were full.

It's happened often enough before but no-one does anything about it. It's easy to anticipate such congestion well in advance. When Juventus or Croatia, the other Olympic Park tenant find themselves

## Man of the match:

IAN DOBSON (Makedonia)

with so much competition, they should have their match switched to Saturday or arrange a deal under which it could be played on the ground of the opposing team.

Smith was the life and soul of the first half on Sunday not that there was much life about this match as far as the spectators were concerned.

Smith offered himself for every ball in attack, and often raced back to clear the ball in defence.

But it was Juventus that almost took the lead in the 5th minute when a pass from Scott Patterson found Joe Palatsides running into the penalty area. Goalkeeper Phil Traianedes pounced at Palatsides' feet, showing that form that eventually will make him an Australian international.

Makedonia almost scored an own goal in the 13th minute. Dobson chested down a Palatsides cross, intending probably to lay it back to Traianedes. Instead, Dobson launched the ball towards the empty net. He scrambled after it and no doubt breathed a sigh of relief when it went just wide.

After those narrow escapes, Makedonia took the lead, Martin Woodall sent a long clearance upfield, Smith chased it, goalkeeper Yakka Banovic came out to narrow the angle and Smith placed a sweet shot past Banovic, into the far side of goal.

Ten minutes later, the scores were level. Paise Leandros crossed from right to left, Nick van Egmond, who had been in two minds about sticking with Durakovic, paid dearly for his indecision as Durakovic ran onto the cross and drove it home.

Referee Alan Kibbler made a mistake which may have cost Juventus a goal. Patterson headed the ball down to Palatsides who was running into the box as Kibbler blew his whistle over a foul on Patterson. Juventus had the advantage when the ball reached Palatsides, but Kibbler took that advantage away.

Three minutes before half time, Smith ran onto a long ball and headed wide of Banovic, intending to run onto it and then place it into the empty net. Banovic took a swipe at the ball, connecting with Smith in the process, and Kibbler awarded a penalty. Cole converted, for his 126th goal in NSL league, Cup and final matches. John Kosmina of SC-Hakoah has 124.

Juventus replaced Sweeney with David Vesnaver at half time. Vesnaver played at right midfield and Palatsides went into attack to partner Patterson.

Mike McLennan and Cole played a series of one-tuos in the 59th minute. Cole's shot at goal was blocked, it rebounded to Graham Reys but Hey's shot went wide.

John Dowie, who had been out for nine weeks, replaced Durakovic in the 64th minute. Dowie went into the middle of midfield and Cullen, who hadn't been able to take a trick against Roodhouse, went back to his customary flank position where he did a lot better.

From a long throw in the 85th minute, Smith, connecting with his head behind a defender, sent the ball over the bar and that was the last scoring chance in a generally uneventful match.



Ian Roodhouse (right), who starred for Makedonia in his new midfield position, watches as team mate Nick Van Egmond beats Juventus's Mehmet Durakovic in the air. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

# Mazis, Barker shine but match is bleak



Peter Windsor

## Canberra 0 Canterbury 0

Venue: Bruce Stadium

Ref: T. Pollard, 6

Crowd 692

Canberra's territorial dominance and two-touch, short-passing came to nothing when weighed against its abysmal finishing in a dreadfully boring 0-0 draw with Canterbury.

Make no mistake, Canberra was by far the better side.

In fact at times, it dominated totally, but as so often has been the case this season, Canberra lacked bite near goal.

This was Canberra's sixth draw of the season.

Yet to have any chance of a mid-table berth, Canberra desperately needs to win.

Now it needs to beat a Northern Division leader, Sydney Croatia tonight (Wednesday) under floodlights.

Although the club was angered by Frank Arok's refusal to release goalkeeper Tony Franken, given Arok has not used him in any of the internationals it had little to do with the outcome.

Understudy goalkeeper George Economopoulos played well.

From a first half breakaway Canterbury had perhaps the game's easiest goalscoring opportunity.

It fell in the 27th minute. Willy, Polish import Burin Zaimi made a superb run down the right flank and crossed along the ground to the lightning-fast Rene Licata.

Licata was unmarked but Economopoulos did well to move out quickly to narrow the angle.

As Economopoulos dived, Licata, in a one-to-one, tried to squeeze the ball under the goalkeeper's body. He almost succeeded but when the ball bounced free it was quickly cleaned up by Tommy Sermanni.

Such was Canberra's dominance that it forced 16 corners. But they rarely troubled Canterbury's six-foot plus goalkeeper, Ian Barker who was in fine form, particularly in the second half.

player but the man of the match was Canberra's 28-year-old full back Peter Mazis.

Slightly built, fast and a punishing tackler, Mazis also made long, probing runs down the flank.

Canberra's real chances came in the second spell.

In the 48th minute midfielder Sermanni made a terrific run down the right flank and his cross was hit hard but Barker deflected it away from the incoming Ian Gibson.

Minutes later Barker was again in action to save from Canberra striker Hilton Phillips.

A minute later Phillips tried for goal with a well-timed lob which Barker plucked from just inches under the crossbar.

## Xyrakias dies

Canberra and Canterbury observed a minute's silence as a tribute to Downer-Olympic president, Nick Xyrakias.

Xyrakias, 62, who had a lifelong interest in soccer, died last week.

He was in his second term as president of Downer-Olympic, the club that underwrites the cost of Canberra Olympians.

In the 60th minute veteran Canberra front-runner Ian Gibson tried an almost identical move — and this time Barker fisted the attempt onto the crossbar and away, for one of those 16 Canberra corner kicks.

It was all Canberra, but had they played for 900 rather than 90 minutes, I doubt they would have found the net.

There has to be more aggression once inside the penalty area.

Player-coach Steve Bryant had a shocker and replaced himself midway through the second half with Ray Junna, and then brought off an out-of-form Jason Dunn to give young Tony Lemeza the opportunity to make his National League debut.

Lemeza, however, came on only 11 minutes from the end and that didn't allow him to show the goal-poaching skills that have made him so dominant in the national youth league.

As Bryant so aptly commented: "It's just another point that escaped us — a point we wasted."

## Man of the match:

PETER MAZIS (Canberra)



Sean Lane — dropped to youth team



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# George Cross strengthens claims



## Ken Kontra

### George Cross 2 AC-Juventus 0

Scorers: Maclaren  
14th, Gilder 72nd  
Venue: Chaplin Reserve  
Crowd: 1855  
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas  
Caution: Villani 55th  
George Cross improved its chances of retaining National League status next year with an impressive performance against third-placed Adelaide Juventus.

Apart from a period in the second half, Adelaide Juventus could not get into its usual fluent style, due partly to below-par performances of key players, notably Steve Maxwell

and Sergio Melta, and partly because George Cross did not allow its opponent to settle down and develop any kind of a rhythm.

The home side looked particularly solid in defence, mobile and full of ideas in midfield and aggressive in attack. Adelaide Juventus by comparison was disorganised in defence, negative in midfield and almost totally lacking penetration in the attacking third.

The release from the National team of Steve Maxwell and Sergio Melta did not help Adelaide's cause at all, both looked somewhat jaded and contributed little. According to coach Zoran Matic, the physical exhaustion was a lesser problem. The mental stress of Socceroo involvement was the main reason for their disappointing performance.

Be that as it may, on the whole Adelaide performed poorly, a far cry from the expected standard of one of the technically most accomplished teams in the competition!

After a fairly quiet opening, George Cross had a chance to take the lead in the 13th minute. Paul Shillabeer completely misjudged his clearance and Noel Mitten beat Willie McNally to the ball. Forced wide, however, Mitten hit the side netting.

A minute later Don Maclaren was on target to put the home team in front. And a fine goal it was too! Maclaren made a penetrating run from midfield, played a quick one-two with Carl Gilder and guided the return just inside the upright giving McNally no chance.

George Cross continued to press forward for the remainder of the first half but was unable to increase its lead. It also had two claims for a penalty turned down by referee Dennis Voutsinas.

### Man of the match: Don Maclaren (George Cross)

In the 37th minute, Shaun Parton appeared to have been bundled over inside the penalty area, and a few minutes later a shot at goal hit Buggy Nyskohus on the arm. Both appeals drew a negative response from the man in charge (rightly so, I thought), so George Cross had to be satisfied with a one goal lead at the break, although on balance of possession, it certainly deserved better.

The second half opened with Adelaide Juventus doing much better in midfield, and occasionally looking quite dangerous with left back Alex Tobin joining in for attack, with fine overlapping runs. But defensively George Cross did its job

well, closing down players smartly, nipping Adelaide's aspirations for an equaliser in the bud before it could develop any positive scoring chances.

In the 72nd minute it was again the Maclaren-Gilder combination which sealed the game for George Cross.

Maclaren robbed a hesitant Adrian Santra of possession on the half line and released Gilder with a well-judged pass on the right. Gilder cut inside and blasted the ball into the roof of the net from 12 metres.

George Cross' new acquisition, former Wrexham striker Andy Edwards, was sidelined with an ankle injury sustained in a youth match last week, and was unable to make his debut this week. Edwards scored 76 goals in 176 first team appearances and could prove to be an ideal partner for target man Carl Gilder in the crucial final five matches of the season.



● Don Maclaren — starred for George Cross.

# Now, the master versus the apprentice

### Green Gully 1 Heidelberg 1

Scorers: Ward 15th, Brown 70th  
Referee: Power 5  
Venue: Green Gully Reserve  
Cautions: Quigley, Douglas

Green Gully coach Gus Macleod was pleased about his team's performance, disappointed about Heidelberg's goal and looking forward to this week's encounter against Footscray JUST.

"I suppose you can describe it as the master against the apprentice," Macleod said in reference to his coaching experience compared with that of JUST's Drago Sekularac.



## Peter Desira

reference to his coaching experience compared with that of JUST's Drago Sekularac.

"But despite our position nobody will take two points off us easily. We have been matching every team we've met in every department except for sticking the ball in the net."

Gully's measure of desperation when it comes to scoring reached the extent that Macleod switched centreback Stuard Cannell to the striking position in a bid to add a bit more height and aerial power to the attack.

The move failed miserably, with Cannell looking all at sea until he was substituted, probably because he was still affected by an injury sustained at training midweek.

Heidelberg missed Socceroo players Jeff Oliver and Alan Hunter. Claude Lucchesi was serving a one-match suspension and Ian MacKie had ankle and knee injuries.

In addition, Nick Delgiannis turned up for the game with a thigh strain and coach Brian Garvey decided against risking him. The coach however went ahead with using Steve Marley even though the defender hadn't trained all week because of a foot injury.

Victorian youth representative Nick Ousalkas was given a chance in the senior team and at the other end of the park, Green Gully introduced 16-year-old John Grimaud, who played as sweeper in the absence of Scott Fraser, (suspended).

Grimaud didn't do anything spectacular but played a safe game and I'm pleased with his performance — he is definitely one for the future," Macleod said.

Grimaud could have expected a baptism of fire against a forward line featuring Doug Brown and Paul Wilson but the two strikers got little support and struggled to make an im-

### Man of the match: TOMMY CUMMING (Green Gully)

pression until Garvey switched Peter Tsolakis to a wide midfield role midway through the second half.

The nippy Tsolakis started going at the Gully defence and caused all sorts of problems to give Heidelberg hope in what seemed a lost cause.

He hit a free kick from 30 yards which skimmed the top of the bar and his near miss appeared to inspire Heidelberg.

Theo Selemidis forced Lou Denys into a good save with a fierce 30-metre drive within a minute and Brown finally grabbed the equaliser two minutes later in the 70th minute.

Chris Ketsakidis provided the cross from the left and Brown was at the far post, for once escaping the clutches of Steve Douglas, to nod the ball home.

"Douglas had kept a good hold of Brown for most of the match but we got punished for one of the few mistakes we made at the back," Macleod said after the game.

More than the defence, it is Gully's forward line that should shoulder the blame for the loss of a point because they should have had the game wrapped up long before Heidelberg lifted its game.

Gully had taken the lead with a well worked goal in the 15th minute and then missed two clear cut chances which would have been put away by most other strikers.

Tommy Cumming, who gave the Heidelberg defence a torrid time, set up the goal with a run and a centre from the left which Danny Ward controlled and hit home for his first goal since joining the Greens from Melbourne in March.

The same player got on the end of a free kick from Colin Quigley in the 42nd minute but hit his shot on the turn narrowly over the bar.

Gully's worst miss however came in the 60th minute when

Cumming left a trail of players behind him as he cut down the right and then cut the ball back into the box, leaving Costa Theodosopoulos and Ward with the easiest of chances.

Ward had the first shot blocked but the ball ran loose to Theodosopoulos who again hit the ball at keeper Paul Ford.

Once Heidelberg had equalised, it was Heidelberg that had the chance to wrap the match up but Wilson headed wide and over from ideal positions in the box.

Cumming made one last effort before the end of the match with another run down the right and then flicked the ball into the box, but Ward narrowly missed connecting with the cross.

The point was still enough to lift Heidelberg into third spot, dislodging Adelaide Juventus which went down 0-2 to George Cross for its third successive bad result and it now seems a distinct possibility that the South Australian side will end up losing its spot in the top five for the championship play-offs.

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# Courage sees Ogden through



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Although being semi-blinded in one eye, Brisbane Lions midfielder John Ogden turned in a man of the match performance in what could be the last NSL derby between the two Brisbane sides.

Ogden was only days away from tragedy when he consulted a doctor before the match about a painful right eye. The medico diagnosed inflammation of the iris and told the midfielder had not sought treatment then, he would have risked blindness in the eye within days.

Despite the alarming prediction, Ogden refused to miss the derby, particularly as his team was hit by injuries, and subsequently turned in a sterling performance. He was a constant ball winner in midfield and made speedy breaks down the left which should have resulted in goals.

"There was no pain, but it was like looking through a piece of smoked glass. At times I knew someone was there but I wasn't sure if it was a City player or one of ours," said Ogden, who expects the ailment to heal within a few weeks.

Despite the disability, Ogden's touch was impeccable and he, along with John Stewart and the ever-reliable central duo of Frank Liddell and Steve Jackson, inspired Lions' win.

City coach Billy Wilkinson finally began building for the future when he fielded relative novices Glen Archer, Alfie Catalano, Andy Chapman and Lee Scriggins.

Lions were no world-beaters and seemed content to play it simple once they went ahead. Kieran Cooper could have proved otherwise and he got support.

But only a minute after that unsuccessful appeal, Lions broke through for the winner, thanks to poor marking in the

Lacking in this match was the traditional aggression and dog-die approach which has characterised so many clashes between the two clubs in 10 years of NSL football.

City had two half chances early but Lions felt most cheated when two penalty appeals were turned down by Brisbane's penalty king Bill Monteverde. The first appeal came when Jim Morton was bundled over and the second, which must have been perilously close, when Dunny Wright was upended on the goal-line as he attempted to get a high ball past City keeper Robert Harrison.

But only a minute after that unsuccessful appeal, Lions broke through for the winner, thanks to poor marking in the

### Man of the match: JOHN OGDEN (Brisb. Lion)

City defence. Wright flicked on a Russell Stewart free kick and it found David Richardson who scored.

Lions should have scored again, from a penalty over Alan Niven was given the spookick, and after baulking to send Harrison the wrong way, his trusty left foot let him down and steered the ball fractionally wide of the upright.



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# In Hobart

## Destroyer Van Blerk

By WALTER PLESS

**AUSTRALIA 3 (van Blerk 24th, Ollershaw 86th, Hristodoulou 90th). CZECHOSLOVAKIA 0, at KGV Park, Glenorchy, Tasmania. Attendance: 1500. Referee: J. Johnston (Tas) 8, Cautions: Hristodoulou (Australia), Mikus, Foldyna (Czechoslovakia).**

**AUSTRALIA:** Bouhoutsas 7 — Kulcar 6 (Cummings 46th, 7) — Harley 6, Reynolds 7, Northam 8 — Markovski 6 (Koch 80th), Polak 8, Hristodoulou 7 — Edwards 7, Ollershaw 7, van Blerk 9

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Ondruska 8 — Bodnar 8, Skarbela 8, Margolius 7, Chlipik 6 — Mikus 8, Gala 6, Foldyna 6 — Zarsky 6 (Kriz 46th, 6), Trval 8 (Griga 75th).

The Australian defence was caught napping with a quickly-taken free-kick but Halas fired against the far post with only the goalkeeper to beat. Two minutes later, Halas was again confronted by only the goalkeeper but he sliced his shot wide.

van Blerk ran riot in the second half and got even the presence of two of Czechoslovakia's senior squad, Tomas Kriz and Stanislav Griga, could save the situation for the visitors.

Skarbela cleared Reynolds' header off the line, Margolius headed van Blerk's cross clear, Ollershaw headed wide, and Ondruska did well to hold a Hristodoulou cross as Australia turned on the pressure.

It wasn't until the 89th minute that the Czechs cracked again, however, following a corner from the right. Substitute Koch mis-kicked and the ball rolled to Ollershaw who tucked it away with ease.

The final minute signified check-mate in two ways. Not only was it the end of the match, but with Australia's final attack, van Blerk crossed from the left to Hristodoulou stationed at the far corner of the penalty area.

The youngster unleashed a ferocious first-time volley which gave Ondruska no chance and sent the crowd home happy after witnessing the successful outcome of Tasmania's very first real international soccer match.

"Czechoslovakia had a very skillful team, a very tall team, a very experienced side, but we got the goals at the right time," said Les Scheinflug.

"I'm very pleased with the win, especially since it was our very first international match together."

"I thought we played some very good soccer on a pitch that was a little bit bumpy. I've got no complaints at all and I'm more than pleased with the performance."

"I think their coach panicked a little bit by putting on two senior players."

"The second game will be very hard as I think the Czechs got a surprise because I think they under-rated us."



• Youth coach Les Schienflug stresses a point at training with his Australian squad. Picture: RAOUL KOCHANOWSKI of "The Mercury".

## In Brisbane

# Scheinflug wants game against Kiwis

By RICKY ROSSO

**AUSTRALIA 6 (Hristodoulou, Polak 2, Margolius o.g. Markovski, Schute) CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1 (Halas) at Perry Park. Crowd about 1000. Referee: Bill Monteverde.**

**AUSTRALIA:** Bouhoutsas (Mower 82nd) — Harley, Reynolds, Cummings, Northam — Hristodoulou, Polak, Koch (Markovski half time), van Blerk — Ollershaw, (Schute), Edwards.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Ondruska — Bodnar, Skarbela, Chlipik, Margolius — Gala, Zarsky, Halas, Trval (Knoflicek 72nd) — Mikus, Kocian.

Australian youth coach Les Scheinflug wants to match his dynamic young Socceroos against New Zealand — before the Oceania qualifying series in Auckland early next year.

Scheinflug has called on the ASF to organise a youth international as a curtain-raiser to the clash between the country's senior teams later this year.

Australia must beat the Kiwis, Israel and other Oceania region members including Taiwan, Fiji and Papua New Guinea to gain a place in the World Youth finals in Chile next year.

A match against New Zealand is in Arthur George's and the World Cup committee's hands, but I certainly wouldn't mind playing against them before the qualifying series," Scheinflug said.

"Even if we should lose, we can learn from them. It will be good experience for us."

Scheinflug, who achieved great success with the young Socceroos in 1981 (Australia) and 1983 (Mexico), adopted his "prepared to take on all-comers" attitude after his team had swept aside a Czechoslovakia youth combination 6-1 at Brisbane's Perry Park.

a team. With very few exceptions, Scheinflug picked a side which after only three training camps and two matches, blended perfectly.

"They are a team of youngsters who comprehend very quickly and I let them play the style they play best — that is, going forward and taking on players. But what impressed me most was the way we scored goals. Players were willing to take shots or get into shooting positions," Scheinflug said.

"There is a lot of polishing to do, but it's very heartening at the moment."

Australia took 31 minutes to lodge its first goal, although it had gone perilously close with two earlier attempts from Lou Hristodoulou and Alastair Edwards.

Left-back Darren Northam began the move for the first goal, knocking a deep cross which found the head of Polak. The Queenslanders nodded down and when a confused Czech defence failed to clear, Hristodoulou dived in to score.

With a minute to half-time

Czechoslovakia's Marek Mikus had a dream chance to equalise but showed a lack of composure when he fired his attempt well over the cross bar.

But in the second half it was all Australia. Just three minutes after the break Polak began a move that resulted in a goal which most talked about long after the game. The blond midfielder won the ball just outside his own box and played a forward pass to behind the attack. A series of team-mates carried it forward before Hristodoulou fired a vicious shot which could be parried by Ondruska. And who should be there to slot away the rebound? None other than Polak who had made a blistering 70m run.

Jason van Blerk set up the second when, as he had been doing all night, he turned and breezed past his marker before weaving his way into the box. His shot was fumbled by Ondruska and in a desperate clearance, Richard Margolius put it into his own goal.

While man Blerk was not credited with the attempt, he

deserved a goal for his efforts. This youngster is the first true winger produced by Australia since the great Peter Sharpe and has all the skills to be as dangerous and entertaining as the Marconi legend.

Substitute David Schute, who had replaced Scott Ollershaw, took only a minute to get into the action and set up Ally Edwards for a fierce shot. Ondruska parried down, but Polak was there to put away the loose ball.

Sunshine George Cross midfielder John Markovski, a half-time replacement for the injured John Koch, scored Australia's next with a fine free kick from 20m. He curled his left-foot shot around the ball and put it in off the base of the far upright.

Australia got one more in the last minute when Polak's shot again wasn't held by Ondruska and Schute scored, while the tourists got a consolation goal when the Australian defence was caught napping and Frantisek Halas stormed through a square backline to score.

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## In Newcastle

# Czechs get last laugh

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA YOUTH 4 (Halas 2, Hasek, Trval) AUSTRALIA YOUTH 0 at Macquarie Field, Newcastle. Crowd: 1150.**

The Australian youth team lost 0-4 to Czechoslovakia in Newcastle last Saturday, but its 3-0 and 6-1 victories in the previous games indicate that coach Les Scheinflug has come up with the nucleus of the team he wants for the 1987 World Youth Championships.

Czechoslovakia was given help against the young Socceroos by senior players Miroslav Siva and Petr Kostelnik.

Ivan Hasek was sent off nine minutes from the end over a foul on Australia's Jason van Blerk, one of the outstanding players of the series.

Hasek scored the first goal and two more by Frantisek Halas left the Czechs in a commanding position with 20 minutes to play.

Marek Trval, who was among Czechoslovakia's best players, notched the fourth in the 77th minute.

Scheinflug, who had made changes to try Derek Caisley, John Anastasiadis and goalkeeper David Mower, named midfielders Darren Northam and Jason Polak as his best players.



• Faster than a speeding Maradona; more powerful than Hans-Peter Briegel: able to leap goalposts in a single bound — Les Scheinflug's Superstar after ago? No, it's Ronnie Bolton. Ronnie who? He plays for Caledonians in Hobart, where Clark Kent-style glasses have not yet been superseded by contact lenses. Bolton is seen battling with Matthew Bloomfield of Rapid West Point, with Ian Parker in the background. Picture by TONY PALMER, "The Mercury".



# Maxwell change angers fans, criticism angers Yankos

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**AUSTRALIA 0 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1** (Griga 50th) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd about 2000. Referee: Don Campbell 8. Cautions: Kubik (Cz), Hunter (Aust).

**AUSTRALIA:** Oliver 7 - McDowall 7, Yankos 8, Dunn (inj. sub. Hunter 6, 12th), Gray 7 - Odzakov 7, Wade 7, Arnold 7, Melita 5, (Raskopoulos 57th) Maxwell 8 (Farina 73rd), Kosmina 4. Coach: Frank Arok.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Kostelnik 6 - Levy 7, Chovanec 8, Straka 8, Fiala 7 - Hasek 6 (Ondra 7, half time), Kula 9, (Siva 82nd), Griz 7 - Griga 8, Kubik 8, Luvohy 7. Coach: Josef Masopust.

Australian sweeper Charlie Yankos claimed after this game the press had been picking on the Socceroos. They were unjustly criticised over their first two performances against Czechoslovakia, he said.

Six or seven years ago, any visiting European national team would have thrashed Australia, he said, whereas the results were much closer now. Yet the Socceroos were not given sufficient credit. Team restructuring had not been taken into consideration, he added. Alan Davidson, Oscar Crino, Steve O'Connor, Terry Greedy, Jim Patikas, David Mitchell and Joe Watson are gone. The team that lost 0-1 in Adelaide featured six changes since its 1-1 draw on the Sunday.

And having studied the match in Melbourne on video, Yankos and his team-mates were convinced they weren't as bad that day as press reports suggested. Coach Frank Arok echoed that sentiment, but admitted that watching the game "live", he had been bitterly disappointed.

Let's accept all that. Let's look at this series as merely stage one of a demanding rebuilding programme which Arok hopes will yield a team at least as talented as the one that came so close to qualifying for the World Cup.

But the shortage of skill was nevertheless disturbing in Adelaide especially since Arok had stated that skill would be the major ingredient in the new national team that will contest the 1988 Gold Cup and Olympic Games.

As Czech coach Josef Masopust said after the Adelaide game: "Technically we were much better than Australia. We won because our inter-play and our combinations worked for us, even though some of our players were a bit afraid of the Australians' tackling. It was only a friendly game, so there was no reason to be so rough."

Arok said: "They were the better side. We had a completely new team, we're giving everyone a chance and we're learning about the quality of the players."

But his team included a minimum of players who



● Paul Wade — worked hard in midfield in Adelaide. At left is Robbie Dunn who was carried off injured early in the match.

can be said to have a high degree of skill — Zarko Odzakov, naturally. Sergio Melita who however, had a quiet debut, and the skilful defender Alan Hunter who also was uncharacteristically introverted after replacing injured Robbie Dunn.

The successful players traded on qualities other than pure ball skill. Garry McDowall showed his usual fierce competitiveness. Steve Maxwell's strength, running power and determination; Graham Arnold likewise (in a midfield position).

And so, if Arok is to achieve his aim of developing a highly skilful team (which of course would have the necessary fighting qualities as well), he will be looking further afield. If Oscar Crino and Jim Patikas return for the important matches, they will provide a large part of the answer. And it's a shame such a rift exists between Eddie Krncevic and Arok.

The Adelaide game rammed home one message loud and clear: Graham Arnold must be in the first-choice 11. He had an admirable first half until his team ran out of ideas.

John Kosmina apparently had the flu, but it seems inappropriate that among Arok's "mad dogs" one is treated differently to the rest of the pack. Whereas other players are substituted when they play poorly,

Kosmina is not. In fact, he hasn't been replaced in the past 15 matches in which he has played. The reason given is that he's the captain, but even West Germany's captain, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge is substituted.

Little wonder that the crowd booed loudly when Arok replaced Maxwell rather than Kosmina. Maxwell, after a hesitant start, had worked himself into the ground and come close to scoring with a header and a shot after sidestepping full-back Stanislav Levy.

Kosmina, on the other hand, was on the verge of an individual milestone, needing one goal to match Atilla Abonyi's record of 25 in full internationals.

But let's talk also about the Czechs. While Arok made six changes to the team that had drawn 1-1 in Melbourne Czech coach Masopust made five changes, bringing in goalkeeper Petr Kostelnik, centre backs Josef Chovanec and Frantisek Straka, forward Stanislav Griga and midfielder Tomas Griz.

Chovanec and Straka replaced Josef Novak and Jan Fiala as the central defenders, with Fiala moving to left back and Novak being omitted. After half time, Chovanec moved into midfield. Both he and Straka were among the best players of the match and Griga scored the winning goal, but the best player on the field was midfielder Karel Kula who also had starred in Melbourne.

Czechoslovakia attacked spiritedly down the flanks, and through Lubos Kubik in the middle. The one weak spot in the team was goalkeeper Kostelnik.

Australia was weakened when it lost Robbie Dunn after 12 minutes. Dunn had been playing extremely well before he was crunched by Kula. He got back onto his feet but collapsed again as Milan Luhovy shot into the side netting. Alan Hunter then came on to replace Dunn, who had pinched a nerve behind the knee.

In the 15th minute, Odzakov, who was among the best players of the first half, cleared a header from Kubik off the goal line.

Australia swung back into attack via a cross from Maxwell to Kosmina whose shot was smothered by Fiala. From a cross by McDowall, Graham Arnold hit the crossbar with a promising header.

Kubik missed narrowly in the 22nd minute with one of the best shots of the game, and left Oliver reacted quickly to stop a low shot from Chovanec in the 27th minute. In between, Kostelnik fumbled, giving Maxwell a crack at the open goal, but Fiala was on hand to deflect the shot for a corner.

Emulating Fiala, Tomas Griz swooped quickly to smother a shot from Arnold, who had latched onto a nice ball from Wade.

Arnold popped up at the other end of the ground to boot the ball clear as Kubik, who had made the most of a back-heeler from Griz, squared it along the back-line.

Australia was showing a lot more spirit than it had in Melbourne and with 10 minutes to go before half time, Odzakov set up a scoring opportunity with a cross from the right. Kosmina was waiting for it in the middle, but Kostelnik rose like a comet and booted clear in full flight.

Griz played a nice pass to Kubik in the 40th minute but Oliver made the best save of the game in stopping Kubik's shot.

The Czech officials jumped off their bench and pro-



● Steve Maxwell — the spectators booed loudly when he was taken off. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

tested at the sideline after a challenge by McDowall on Ivan Hasek had sent a thud resounding through the terraces. Hasek continued only until half time and was then replaced by Jiri Ondra, a defender.

Before going off, Hasek touched a free kick to Kubik whose shot whistled over the bar as Oliver crossed himself in relief.

Luhovy shot over the top from inside the six-yard box two minutes after the interval.

Then Arnold lost the ball to Kubik in midfield, with only Yankos left guarding the way to goal. Yankos was as immovable as a tank, his outstretched foot almost bursting the ball as it stopped Kubik's advance.

Czechoslovakia scored shortly afterwards, however. Kula crossed from the right, Griga accepted the ball, skirted a few defenders and slipped the ball low across Oliver into the far corner of goal.

Australia fought back furiously. Odzakov's cross found Maxwell unmarked at the near post but Maxwell's header was held by Kostelnik.

Arok replaced Melita with Peter Raskopoulos in the 57th minute and Australia launched another attack, with Yankos sending a long ball to Maxwell. Under pressure, Maxwell pushed the ball to Arnold whose hurried shot went across goal.

Maxwell was in everything as he slung the ball wide for Raskopoulos whose angled drive was turned for a corner.

But that was it. Czechoslovakia took control with its superior skill and Australia was reduced to despairing individual efforts, hopeful long-range shots but previous little creativity.

Luckily for Australia, Yankos was on hand to take the ball off Griga's foot inside the penalty area. The announcement that the young Socceroos had beaten Czechoslovakia's youth team 6-1 in Brisbane provided the fans with some compensation for the senior's defeat.

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# Lord, Maher, Corry ... now Oliver



Crino (right) takes on Garry McDowall in the Socceroos' game against the Victorian Press All-Stars last year.

## Crino puts in a word for Bozinovski, Tapai

Oscar Crino believes footscray JUST midfielder Tapai and Vlado Bokki would be valuable additions to the national squad.



Bozinovski

Tapai

who is in Melbourne recovering from a groin injury, said he hoped to be available for Socceroo selection when Australia meets New Zealand in May. Crino is supposed to return to his Cypriot club, Anorthosis at the end of his stay in Melbourne to undergo a course of treatment and exercise his injury. Crino said this week he had left the matter in the hands of his manager, and his solicitor. Crino said he was taking eight antibiotics a day, plus anti-inflammatory pills, to hurry his recovery. "I'm swimming every day and I'm working out in the gym every day," Crino said. "I've been out of action for two months so far, and expects to be out for another six weeks. It will be three months before he's match fit, he

transferred from SM-Hellas for almost \$30,000 late last year and is set to return to Anorthosis until the end of May, 1987. Anorthosis however, said that he has broken his contract by not returning to Cyprus and that maximum transfer fee provisions in the contract no longer apply. Crino has a high regard for the Czech team that won its three-match series against Australia. "I can't expect too much of the Australian team at the moment, but many changes have been necessary," he said. "Those of us who are in the World Cup team have been together for at least two

years. Bozinovski and Tapai may add skill and running power to the

## Vatson first for gold medal

Joe Watson was awarded a gold medal after his comeback against Czechoslovakia at Parramatta Stadium.

Watson, who has played 44 times for Australia, was given the honour of captaining the Australians in the start of the match. He was replaced after five minutes by defender Angie Postecoglou. If president Sir Arthur George had been at the ground it had decided to award special gold medals to players with more than 40 international appearances, silver to those between 20-30, and bronze to others.

Watson has been a credit to the team and it was a pleasure to have him the first gold medal for an Australian team," he said. "I had Frank Arok had selected me to play in the team, especially to play with the ball, his mobility is his ability to slow play until his mates are in position," said

Watson. "I plan further moves later to join former Socceroos Terry Doyle and Steve O'Connor who also retired from international football."

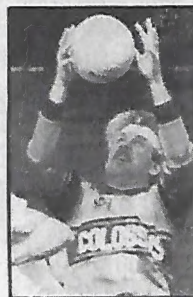
Socceroo goalkeeper Jeff Oliver intends to retain the No. 1 shirt at least as long as his mentor, Jack Reilly, who played 35 games for Australia from 1970 to 1975. "Jack helped me a hell of a lot when he coached me for two seasons at Heidelberg," Oliver said. "He rammed into me the importance of attacking the ball and he worked me into the ground. I've never trained as hard as I did under Jack."

Oliver has played 10 games for Australia and hopes to last as long as Ron Lord, Allan Maher, Ron Corry and Reilly. Maher played more games than any other Socceroo goalkeeper — 39 from 1974 to 1981.

Corry played the most full international (against other national teams) — 28 from 1967 to 1973. But it is Lord about whom one speaks in hushed tones. He played his last game in 1965 at the age of 25, after a glorious career that spanned 399 games with Drummond, Auburn and Prague in Sydney, 10 games for the Socceroos during an era when Australia was largely cut off from international competition, and more than 20 games for New South Wales. Oliver's development as a player runs parallel with that of his best man, Charlie Yankos, and another good friend, Steve Blair. Yankos, formerly with Heidelberg and now with Adelaide Hellas, is the Socceroos' sweeper and Blair, of South Melbourne Hellas, was a Socceroo regular until work commitments ended his international career. They played against each other as kids in the Sunshine area — Oliver with Sunshine Heights, Blair with Albion Rovers and Yankos with Newport. Blair, who now is assistant manager of the RACV Chadstone office, worked until recently at the Footscray branch where Oliver is an insurance underwriting consultant. "He's very demanding on himself," Blair said of his good friend. "And he's got a temper. He'll fly off the handle if you rub him the wrong way."

About Oliver's booming voice, Blair remarked: "He was in goal when I played in defence for Victoria against the West Berlin representative team a few years ago. I had said ears afterwards. I had to say to him: 'Look, Jeff, opposing forwards do shoot at goal. That's what they're for. But he doesn't think so. He cracks up.'"

He's the embodiment of the "mad dogs" image coach Frank Arok has given his Socceroos: fanatical about his game. "Frank is very good at making you proud to wear the green and gold," Oliver said. "He puts pressure on you to see if you can cope. He wants you to be willing to die for your country."



Jeff Oliver



Alex Vesic

**AUSTRALIA 0 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 (Kula 23rd, Kubik 53rd Pen, & 85th) at Parramatta Stadium. Crowd: 10,150. Referee: Richard Lorenc 10.**

**AUSTRALIA:** Oliver 8 — Watson (Postecoglou 5, 5th min, McDowall 6, 46th min), Yankos 7, Dunn 7, Jennings 6 — Wade (Gray 7, 21st), Arnold 5, Odzakovic 6 (Farina 68th) — Soper 5, Kosmina 5, Kalantzis 6.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Miklosko 8 — Fiala 7, Straka 8, Ondra 8, Rada 8 — Chovanec 7, Griga 7 (Kocian 76th), Kriz 7 (Luhovy 71st) — Knoflicek 8, Kula 8, Kubik 7.

"We were outplayed by the faster, more skilful and technically superior side. This team is better than England, better than the Scotland side we played before," lamented Frank Arok after Czechoslovakia had humbled Australia at Parramatta Stadium in the last of their three matches. Australia's star player was Jeff Oliver who saved his side from humiliation by making some incredible saves. He looked beaten in the 14th minute as Ivo Knoflicek rose to meet a cross from Karel Kula. The header was accurate but Oliver's reflexes were superb as he cut out a certain goal. Knoflicek made amends in the 23rd when he took on Robbie Dunn down the left flank. He managed to cut the ball across the Australian Penalty area where Stanislav Griga allowed it to fall for Karel Kula who gave Oliver no chance. Oliver kept Australia in the game with yet another superb save, this time from Lubos Kubik's 30-metre drive. The Aussie keeper looked stranded with seconds of the first half remaining as the visitors sprayed their passes with precision, but Kula was inches short of scoring with a desperate lunging attempt. Australia looked in a desperate situation at half time. The visitors had it all to them-

selves, strolling about the park with arrogant ease, pushing the ball about as if in a training session, with the home team looking third-rate.

Ivo Knoflicek got through but yet another brave dive by Oliver saw the ball rebound off his feet and away to safety. Angie Postecoglou looked shaky indeed, so Arok pulled Ian Gray into a fullback position, with Garry McDowall being brought on to add fire to the midfield. McDowall showed all his fighting spirit in some enthusiastic tackles but Australia were soon to fall again as the visitors ran rampant. Karel Kula was on the run after a neat one-two with Knoflicek and was about to face the Australian keeper when he was tripped by Jennings. Kubik scored from the resultant penalty to make it 2-0 and for all intents and purposes the game was over.

Arok was critical of referee Lorenc over this penalty decision but I am sure that after seeing the replay he would change his mind. There seemed no intention by Jennings to trip Kula but he did, and it was inside the penalty area. Referee Richard Lorenc, only feet away from the action, had no hesitation. Oliver was Australia's hero once again as Jan Fiala broke through on the right flank. His cross went to Kubik who jumped over the ball, allowing Knoflicek to face Oliver. The Australian keeper managed to block the attempt and then smother a second attempt. Only a minute later and with the Australians struggling to keep the visitors at bay, it was Jiri Ondra who faced Oliver but hesitated, allowing Charlie

Yankos to put in a desperate clearance and concede a corner kick.

Seconds later Ivo Knoflicek had the goal at his mercy but his attempted lob from 10 metres went straight into the awaiting arms of Oliver!

Australia had only its second attempt at goal in the 71st minute from a 30-metre McDowall drive which finished well over the bar. Chris Kalantzis's shot on the turn midway through the first half went wide, and Australia had its only real chance in the 73rd, with an Ian Gray cross finding Robbie Dunn 10 metres out. Dunn was foiled by Ian Fiala as he struggled to control the ball.

Then came a free kick by Charlie Yankos, with Graham Arnold heading just wide. That was all Australia could muster. Chris Kalantzis free kick was accurate, but the goalkeeper was on the spot to collect with ease. At least Kalantzis could go out of the match saying he was the only man to have a shot at goal!

With five minutes remaining Australia fell further behind. Karel Kula made a break on the left and a

whistle in the crowd caused Ian Gray to stop chasing the Czech. While some of the Australian players felt that the referee had in fact stopped play, Kula cut a pass for Lubos Kubik to find the far corner of the net.

With seconds remaining, Oliver was beaten yet again but the shot by Petr Rada hit the outside of the post.

The impressive victory showed the real difference between the standard of the best Australia can offer and an average European side. We were beaten for speed, skill and efficiency. It was a delight to see the visitors run into space to receive the pass, turn in all directions to check for all options before receiving the pass and above all constantly switch play to stretch the resources of the Australian team.

It was a lesson that we must use to our advantage.

Josef Masopust, the Czech coach, was not happy about his team's finishing. "This is what let us down in the qualifying matches for the World Cup. We

**Man of the match:**  
**KAREL KULA**  
(Czechoslovakia)

played well, created chances and missed them. But we will work at it," he said.

Asked to compare the great 1962 team with today's national side, Masopust was honest. "We haven't changed our style too much. Our game of short passes is still the basis of our attack but we have added speed, the physical part of the game as well as counter-attacks to our game. Football has changed a lot since my days in the national team but we have added all the ingredients necessary to play against the best in the world."

Rudolf Kocak, president of the Czechoslovakian F.A., was also at the interview. He wanted to thank the Australian public for a wonderful reception given to his players.

"We have never had such luxury. To applauded for the way we play does not happen anywhere else in the world," he said.

"We will only be too happy to come again and play in your wonderful country," said Kocak.

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La questione di orientarsi verso la conduzione privata delle società calcistiche in Australia da noi ventilata nelle ultime settimane, sembra trovare molti consensi negli ambienti vicini ai vari club che vanno per la maggiore.

In un articolo di prima pagina questo giornale rivelava la settimana scorsa alcuni dei nomi dietro la possibile privatizzazione del South Melbourne Hellas, primo tra tutti l'ex portiere bianconero e della nazionale Australiana Jack Reilly, che oltre ad essere un membro del consiglio d'amministrazione della V.S.F. è, nella vita privata, un grosso operatore finanziario.

Anche la Juventus di Melbourne avrebbe un corteggiatore, un ricco uomo d'affari, interessato a rilevare la società assieme ad altri o addirittura da solo. Non riveliamo il nome dell'interessato poiché la cosa è appena agli inizi e non vorremmo pregiudicare eventuali sviluppi attirando troppo interesse su particolari individui.

Per quello che ci è dato sapere, la cosa è stata discussa in forma privata con alcuni dei massimi dirigenti della Juventus che avrebbero reagito con un "Magari il cielo lo volesse". E non c'è da meravigliarsi che i dirigenti juventini sarebbero felici e contenti di mollare le pesanti responsabilità amministrative ed il pesante onere finanziario a chiunque potesse dare solide garanzie che il gran lavoro svolto nell'ultimo quadriennio non venga cancellato con un colpo di spugna.

In questi quattro anni la staffetta presidenziale formata da Manenti, Verdici, Schiavello e Caruso ha portato la Juventus da una "squadretta" pericolosa nella Lega Statale alla posizione di protagonista principale della Lega Nazionale. In un certo senso la situazione precaria del club quattro anni fa è un po' il motivo principale del suo successo recente.

Quattro ultimi presidenti ed i loro collaboratori approdano alla Juventus appunto

## VIVA ITALIA!

with ROCKY DI ZIO

### Ci vorrebbe Graziani!

quattro anni fa con lo spirito di chi si assume una "missione impossibile", una sfida difficile ma ricca di soddisfazioni.

La sfida è stata ormai travagliata e rimane solo l'assillante tram-tam di mantenere le posizioni raggiunte. L'ambiente è quindi totalmente diverso e le forze individuali sono state ormai spremute fino all'estremo, in modo particolare quelle del presidente Caruso per il quale gli ultimi quattro anni sono stati un continuo crescendo di impegno e responsabilità, per tre anni come team manager e quest'anno nella massima carica.

Mentre gli altri presidenti hanno avuto qualche anno di preparazione e quindi qualche anno di relativo riposo, Caruso si trova sulla breccia ininterrottamente dalla stagione 1982. Sperare che riesca a continuare allo stesso ritmo anche per solo un altro anno sarebbe l'equivalente di considerarlo di gran lunga superiore a "Superman".

E con Caruso si conclude anche il ciclo di alteranza alla massima carica poiché il gruppo di dirigenti che prese in mano le sorti del club quattro anni fa con un programma a lunga scadenza, è ormai agli sgoccioli. Praticamente il solo Domenico Tenuta è ancora attivamente impegnato ad affiancare Caruso nelle vesti di vicepresidente. Sam Manenti continua a dare un notevole contributo. Tony Schiavello è ancora il principale finanzi-

lore tramite la sponsorizzazione della Prima Office Furniture ed altre ditte con le quali ha relazioni d'affari. Per il resto c'è rimasto molto poco in termini reali del "team" che ha rimesso in piedi squadra e club. E come le grandi squadre di calcio, sarà praticamente impossibile ricostruire il "team" campione immediatamente.

Il prossimo anno perciò si dovrebbe ricominciare quasi d'accapo e sinceramente non vediamo la stessa ricchezza di talenti che piovono dal cielo nel 1982. E, soprattutto, è svanito quel senso di sfida che la Juventus offriva allora a chi aveva spirito di iniziativa e orgoglio di riuscire dove gli altri avevano fallito.

La privatizzazione del club sarebbe quindi la soluzione migliore, quasi lo sviluppo naturale della situazione. Staremo a vedere perciò cosa succederà da adesso fino all'assemblea generale di fine anno.

Ma qualunque forma avrà l'amministrazione bianconera, e di qualsiasi altra società, che riuscirà ad entrare nelle 14 ellette della Lega Nazionale a grone unico (come Marconi, Juventus di Adelaide e possibilmente Apia), il problema principale rimarrà sempre quello di "migliorare il prodotto" per richiamare il pubblico in quantità sufficiente per produrre gli incassi necessari.

Nessuna amministrazione infatti, per brillante che sia, riuscirà mai a vendere un prodotto scadente ad un pubblico sempre più esigente. È necessario perciò che i giocatori e la formula di gioco siano tali da garantire uno spettacolo che val la pena andare a vedere.

Nessuno potrà mettere in dubbio che i giocatori del calibro di Vieri ed allenatori del valore e di Sekularac sono ciò che il pubblico vuole. Il Marconi di Vieri rimane sempre la squadra che ha fatto storia in quanto a richiami di pubblico (quando il Marconi veniva a giocare a Melbourne contro il S.M. Hellas diecimila spettatori erano all'ordine del giorno e almeno la metà erano sportivi italiani che normalmente non seguivano la squadra di casa); Sekularac in pochi mesi alla guida del JUST ha riportato allo stadio i tifosi jugoslavi ed ha cominciato ad attirare spettatori non legati al club.

Proprio questa settimana "il Globo" ha pubblicato un'intervista con Graziani in cui il giocatore della Roma, l'ex grande della formazione azzurra ha espresso un certo interesse a venire ad "insegnare" il calcio in Australia.

Se non Graziani, siamo sicuri di saranno diversi nomi notevoli in Italia che, con cartellino libero, potrebbero essere disposti a passare qualche anno agli antipodi. Alla fin dei conti, anche per il calcio italiano il vento sembra esser cambiato e ciò che non è stato facile per diversi anni potrebbe ora essere possibile.

## Send the Windsor Castle select to China instead!

By LES SHORROCK

### Northcote 4 Melbourne 1

Scorers: Wallace 35th (M); Bekiaris 47th, Toro 63rd, Constantinou 79th & 82nd (N).

This win for the home team eased its relegation problems, and at the same time probably went a long way towards ending Melbourne's short stint in State League.

But the winners have nothing to sneeze about, because both sides turned on the most appalling display of kick and ruff football that it has been my misfortune to witness for many a season.

It is to what depths Melbourne has sunk that a player like John Wallace, who has retired twice this year and can't train anyway, can turn up and get a game, score his side's goal and very nearly be the man of the match.

Before the match Wallace said to me: "Don't be too harsh on me. I haven't played for nine weeks, and I might not last the 90 minutes, but because they are short, I'm doing Ian (McCarthy) a favor."

He didn't need to worry for in the first half he stuck out like a jaw in a midget.

I only wish that those detractors of the National League, who want to see our national competition destroyed in order to restore their own prestige, could have seen this game.

They prattle on about super leagues and other fanciful arrangements when the bald fact of the matter is that the team at present on the bottom of the Southern Division, Green Gully, could give any State League team two goals start and beat it out of sight.

If Gully, as seems certain, is playing in next year's State League, it will have to be given a handicap of about 10 points to give the rest a chance, if it's current squad remains intact. In Melbourne's favour, it has to be said that neither John

Man of the match: PETER CONSTANTINOU (Northcote)

Bird nor Gerry Edmondson was available to play. And Northcote was without the injured Ken Drakeford, but then, three players don't make a game.

Melbourne, as a club, is in such disarray that it was unable to take part in the reserve game because its passports didn't arrive until 1.15pm and the referee refused to officiate in the 35-minute, each-way friendly match that resulted. And this is in Victoria's premier soccer competition, remember!

What I find absolutely mind-boggling is that Melbourne is off at the end of the season to represent us, the City of Melbourne, with the blessing of the City Council, in China!

Does the City Council know that the club is struggling to pay its VSF affiliation fee? It would be better served sending a Windsor Castle XI—at least then there would be some skill on display.

For the record, Melbourne had the better of the first half

Wallace staggered Northcote by knocking home Peter Reynolds' cross in the 35th minute and Melbourne led at half-time.

Northcote's best chance had come when Melbourne centre-half Rob Morrey turned to knock a long back-pass to goalkeeper Joe Kiss and only succeeded in giving a dream pass to Peter Constantinou who promptly ballooned the ball over the bar from inside the penalty spot.

Northcote coach Roy MacLaren must have roared his team at half-time, and two minutes after the break Chris Bekiaris equalised.

Melbourne disintegrated after that. Ian Toro popped one in, and Peter Constantinou weighed in with two more.

His last goal summed it all up for Melbourne. A free-kick went straight into Joe Kiss's arms and straight out again, and Constantinou banged it away with great glee.

Ian McCarthy asked me to say that the mantel of Melbourne's coach fell upon him because Paddy Bannon was overseas longer than expected.

"If I had taken the job, someone else would have," he said, defensively.

Don't apologise, Ian. They should give you a medal at the end of the season for having the courage to own up to coaching that lot.

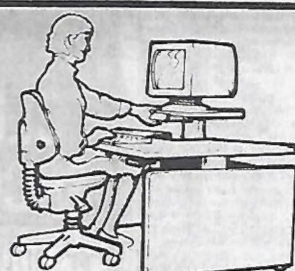


● Peter Constantinou — scored twice in Northcote's 4-1 win over Melbourne Hungaria last weekend. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

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## Loughnane wins it

NUNAWADING CITY 0 BROADMEADOWS 1 (Loughnane 31st, Victorian Division One match at Melbourne's Reserve, Saturday).

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjer, Hurleston, Charavalle, Lawler, McCombe, Moyle, Mullett, Bastasin, Groenewald (Remmers 70), Elliott, Poie.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, De Sa (Griffiths 27th), Cantar, Donaldson, Higham, Mizzi, Watson, Blair (sent off 87), Loughnane, Nolan, Ibertio.

Nunawading dominated this vital clash for the first half but lost the match through a lucky goal scored in the 31st minute.

The pace of the home side allowed it to create most of the chances, particularly early in the game.

In the 31st minute Elliott volleyed superbly but unfortunately to the right, where Pace was standing, and the ball rebounded off the keeper's chest.

Then Pace made a fine one-handed stop from Mullett when a goal looked certain and again from Bastasin after he had picked up the rebound from a Moyle shot.

The goal came from an untidy passage of play in the Nunawading penalty area. Madjer advanced to get a loose ball but a defender attempted to clear and the ball struck Ian Loughnane and rolled back into the net.

Chances were few and far between after the goal as the game went off the boil, although Terry Nolan hit the post with a header and Cantar cleared off the Broadmeadows goal line with Pace beaten.

## Selections

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| <b>VICTORIAN LEAGUE</b><br><b>DIVISION ONE</b><br>Saturday: NORTH DANDENONG v Kees City, ALTONA GATE v Richmond, Sunbury United v Oakleigh (draw).<br><b>Sunday: Doncaster Rovers v Nunawading City (draw), BROADMEADOWS v Mornington, ALBION ROVERS v Doveton, Werribee v SM MORDIALLOC.</b><br><b>DIVISION TWO</b><br>Saturday: ESSENDON CITY v Hamlyn Rangers, Eltham v BULLEEN, DANDENONG CITY v Royal Richmond, Altona City v Waverley City, PRAHRAN CITY v Keilor, RINGWOOD UNITED v Moreland Park Rangers, Sandringham v NORTH GEELONG.<br><b>DIVISION THREE</b><br>Saturday: FERRIERE Gully v Moorabbin City (draw), Coburg v PORT MELBOURNE, CLIFTON HILL v Geelong, MORDIALLOC v Corio, BELL PARK v Prahran, Yarraville v ROSANNA, YALLOURN v Springvale United.<br><b>DIVISION FOUR</b><br>Saturday: CLARINDA v Hawthorn, Ballarat v KARINGALL UNITED, HOL LAND PARK v East Brunswick, LANGWARRIN v Heidelberg Bundoora, BORDONA v Keyborough, West Brunswick v Latrobe United.<br><b>PROVISIONAL LEAGUE</b><br><b>DIVISION ONE</b><br>Saturday: Berrwick City v GREENSBOROUGH, East Geelong v IVANHOE CITY, Clifton Hill v CENTRAL CITY, Ardeer v MALVERN CITY, EAST PRESTON v Williamstown, Wandura v PASCOE, Geelong United v Seaford United (draw). | <b>DIVISION TWO</b><br>Saturday: MESSILL v MELTON, DINGLEY UNITED v Monash University, Cranbourne v NORTH SUNSHINE, CHELSEA v Uni of Melbourne, Brunswick City v FOREST Hill, Menbulk v REGENT.<br><b>DIVISION THREE</b><br>Saturday: BURWOOD UNITED v Fitzroy City, KILMARNOCK v Glenroy, MITCHAM v Altona United, Ascot Vale City v PORT UNITED, RICHMOND UNITED v Parkmore, Meadow Park v SOUTH YARRA, SOUTH SPRINGVALE v West Meadows.<br><b>DIVISION FOUR</b><br>Saturday: REVERSALE v ST KILDA, MULGRAVE ASCOM v West United, Lyndale United v LALOR, Carrum United v KENSINGTON UNITED, Balclava v Waverley United, Richmond v Waverley United, Skye Rovers v DERBY PARK.<br><b>AMATEUR LEAGUE</b><br><b>DIVISION ONE</b><br>Sunday: BRIMLEY v BRIMLEY, COLLINGWOOD CITY v NORTHERN SUBURBS v Ascot St Marks, PHILLIP INSTITUTION v Diamond Valley, ENDEAVOUR HILLS v Eagles United, MACCABEE v Balwyn City.<br><b>DIVISION TWO</b><br>Sunday: LA TROBE UNIVERSITY v OLD SCOTCH, HAWTHORN UNITED v CONCORD, OAKLEIGH UNITED v East ALTONA, YARRA UNITED v Waverley Wanderers.<br><b>DIVISION THREE</b><br>Sunday: INTERCITY v Mazoned College, RESERVOIR EAGLES v East ALTONA, CAMBERWELL, GRAMMAR v Old Paradians. |
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# BOX HILL CAN DO IT!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Box Hill's title tilt is laid fairly and squarely on the line this Sunday when the Hillmen tackle league leader Croydon at Wembley Park.

Box Hill goes into the game after receiving a tongue-lashing from coach Keith Webster who was bitterly disappointed with his team's display in its 1-1 draw with Western Suburbs last weekend.

"If I'd have been allowed to make nine substitutions at half time I would have done so," said Webster.

"With the exception of the last 15 minutes, that was the worst Box Hill performance I've seen in my five years at the club."

But the Hillmen can take heart from the fact that Wembley Park has been a far from happy hunting ground for Croydon and in their earlier encounter at Croydon Park this year, Box Hill turned a 2-0 deficit with 18 minutes to go, into a 3-2 victory.

Webster is toying with the idea of using Andy McMillan at right back in place of Gary McPhee. Webster wants three big men at the back to cope with Croydon's Andy Humble, Graham French and Dave Brogan with a spare man to give the Box Hill defenders good cover.

Barry Burton returns from suspension and is certain to line-up in Box Hill's midfield so either Chris Taylor or Pedro Ramos will lose their spot in the starting line-up.

Croydon midfielder Matt McDonald will be sidelined for at least another fortnight due to medical ligament trouble. McDonald has ignored a specialist's suggestion that he wear a surgical brace on his knee for six weeks and is determined to fight his way back into the side.

I'm backing the Hillmen to win this one and really open up the race for the championship.

Ringwood Wilhelmina hopes to have midfielder Stuart Thomson back for Sunday's Jubilee Park clash with St. Albans Dinamo. Even so, Dinamo should win. Its players, especially the unheralded ones, are playing with a lot of spirit and even if Dinamo doesn't win the title this year, it can look forward to better things to come.

Morwell Falcons will have leading State League scorer Ian Stirton and his attacking partner Peter Verechia back

in the line-up which runs into revitalised Polonia at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. Stirton and Verechia were unavailable for last weekend's 2-0 win over Fawkner due to suspension. The players likely to make way for them are David Wilson and Pat Bezzina.

Every point is precious as far as Polonia is concerned and I think that it can earn a draw here.

Fawkner will be without midfield strongman Gordon Flavell for Sunday's Smith Reserve clash with Northcote. Flavell was sent off against Morwell.

Fawkner coach Peter Boyle is likely to bring young Frank Sabbatino back into the starting line-up. Sabbatino and John Di Cecco probably will be the wide midfielders in a 4-2-2 formation.

Northcote no longer can be taken lightly but Fawkner must win to maintain its momentum toward a top four berth. I think it will.

Thomastown striker Andy Higgins was sent off in his team's 1-1 draw with Caulfield last Saturday. His place will be taken by Brian Flaherty for Sunday's Partridge Reserve clash with Springvale.

The Vales are going through a rough patch and can expect no more than a point here. But it must be said that they were unlucky to lose to Dinamo last weekend. The lead-up to the only goal of the match saw Dinamo right back Ante Kustura clearly push an opponent when

challenging for the high ball which Mark Wilson had played into the Springvale area. Referee Bernie Upton didn't see it that way and when the ball was again played into the Springvale area Mick Colina headed home the winner.

Dennis McLeod returns from suspension and George Beattie and Bobby McGuinness could return from injury for Western Suburbs' clash with Melbourne Hugaria at J.T. Gray Reserve on Saturday.

John Bird and Gerry Edmondson are struggling to overcome injuries which doesn't auger well for Melbourne's rapidly diminishing chances of avoiding relegation. If Suburbs coach Jimmy Konditis can field a close-to-full-strength line-up, Suburbs will win.

Frankston Pines should have Graham Watson back in the starting line-up for Saturday's clash with Caulfield at Monterey Reserve while

Caulfield will welcome back midfielder Panikos Tofari, who was suspended last weekend.

Pines should win if they don't, their slim chances of winning the title will disappear.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

**SATURDAY**  
Melbourne Hugaria V WESTERN SUBURBS at J.T. Gray Reserve, 3pm.  
FRANKSTON PINES V Caulfield at Monterey Reserve, 3pm.

**SUNDAY**  
Polonia V Morwell Falcons (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.  
FAWKNER V Northcote at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

**BOX HILL V Croydon** at Wembley Park, 3pm.

**Thomastown V Springvale** (draw) at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.

**Ringwood Wilhelmina V ST. ALBANS DINAMO** at Jubilee Park, 3pm.

## SUPER STORM CAN'T SAVE WILHELMINA

By MIKE LYNN

Polonia 3  
R. Wilhelmina 1

Scorers: Marshall 3rd, R. Nelson 53rd, Trogric 76th (P); Mensink 20th (RW).  
Venue: Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

Polonia strengthened its bid to escape relegation by defeating Ringwood Wilhelmina in a very poor quality match at Raleigh Reserve.

The home team got away to a dream start when goal striker Alex Marshall scored in the 4th minute. The goal eventually came when a corner taken by Jan Wycislik was not cleared by the Ringwood defenders allowing Ali Kotziamichalis to head the ball goalwards. The ball should have been cleared again but was allowed to roll against the post and come back into play where Marshall forced the ball over the line.

Ringwood suffered a further setback in the same minute when defender Colin Weymes had to be replaced, because of injury, by Robert Lange. It is never easy for a substitute to come on in such situations but Lange had a fine game before also being injured and substituted late in the game.

Ringwood equalized in the 20th minute following good lead up play down the right wing when Man-of-the-match Kees Storm and fellow midfielder Harry McKinley Storm's cross from the Polonia backline was headed against the post by Mark Bakker but striker Ricky Mensink fired home the rebound from three metres.

Storm played an unusual role as almost an old-fash-

ioned, deep-lying centre forward. Whatever tag you put on his role, he handled it very well especially as Polonia used the very talented Mirek Smolarek as his marker.

Storm's ability to hold possession and lay off nicely weighted passes, then support his strikers was one of the few highlights of the game.

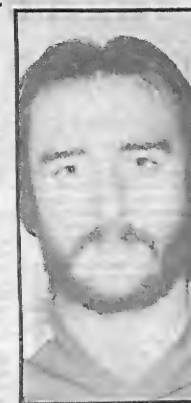
Another highlight was the introduction of Polonia substitute Ricky Lipiarski in the second half. Polonia indeed is very fortunate to have so many quality players not currently in the starting line-up. Lipiarski certainly raised the quality of his team's performance. His ability to find space and to play simple passes enabled him, Gerry Bennett and Rob Nelson to totally dominate the last half hour of play.

Polonia took the lead in the 53rd minute from another corner. Again Wycislik's corner was missed by the Ringwood defence allowing Nelson the opportunity to head home easily from three metres.

The game was put beyond Ringwood when striker Goran Trogric headed home a Lipiarski right wing cross in the 76th minute following a series of good interpassing involving Nelson, Bennett and Lipiarski.

Polonia has a wealth of experience and quality players at its disposal and now that it is edging clear of the bottom two places on the ladder perhaps it might begin to play the kind of delightful soccer that it surely is capable of.

Chris Bambridge



Rick Lipiarski

## More controversy for Bambridge

By MIKE LYNN

Caulfield City 1  
Thomastown 1

Scorers: Zemunik pen. 60th (C); Coyle 72nd (T).  
Venue: Princes Park, Saturday.

The most influential person in this match was referee Chris Bambridge who appears to be constantly involved in controversial incidents.

In the first minute he booked Thomastown, midfielder Nini DiMartino for the first illegal tackle of the match. In the eighth minute he sent off Thomastown striker Andy Higgins for using foul language; in the 60th minute he awarded a very doubtful penalty for Caulfield following a collision between Caulfield striker Danny Zemunik and Thomastown goalkeeper Mauro Raponi, which

Man of the match:  
**FRANK ARCORA**  
(Thomastown)

was converted by Zemunik and in the 67th minute he failed to give Thomastown a penalty when skipper George McMillan clearly was pushed in the back by Caulfield stopper Dave Brooks.

Over the last few years Bambridge has proven his ability as one of Australia's finest referees but, possibly due to the controversy he was shrouded in during the recent World Cup finals, it appears that he is constantly putting himself on trial. I think Bambridge should take a step back and reconsider what his position is during a game, which

in my opinion should be to control proceedings, not to unintentionally influence the outcome of games.

Considering that Thomastown played with only 10 players for the majority of the match, the point it gained was well earned. However, Caulfield did create the greater number of chances and as early as the 10th minute striker Jim Sahindis struck a superb shot from 20 metres that thumped against the Thomastown crossbar.

In the 29th minute, a Zemunik header from six metres was parried by Raponi but Caulfield's best two opportunities came late in the game.

In the 74th minute, Tiger Amantidis was the clear by midfielder Kenny Taylor but his shot from just inside the penalty area struck the post and was cleared off the line by Thomastown sweep-

er Tony Cosentino.

In the 85th minute, Zemunik raced onto a long through pass and chipped the ball over Raponi only for Sahindis to shoot over the bar with the goal at his mercy.

Thomastown had no option but to hit Caulfield on the break and these tactics worked very well with skipper George MacMillan in a lone striker's role getting through a ton of work.

Thomastown also used Nino Di Martino's ability with his long throws and well-taken corner kicks to constantly put the Caulfield defence under pressure.

It was from a corner in the 72nd minute that Thomastown gained the equalizer. Di Martino's corner was dummed by McMillan allowing midfielder Brian Coyle to hammer his first time shot from the edge of the area high into the goal.

### Buffalo State League Standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CROYDON	12	4	4	44	24	28
ST. ALB. DINAMO	9	8	4	33	21	26
SPRINGVALE	10	6	5	23	16	26
BOX HILL	8	9	4	32	19	25
F'ston Pines	8	7	5	27	20	23
Fawkner	9	5	6	19	15	23
M'well Falcons	10	2	9	36	32	22
West. Subs.	8	5	8	30	31	21
Thomastown	6	7	8	22	23	19
Caulfield City	8	3	10	30	36	18
Northcote City	6	6	8	30	35	18
Polonia	4	6	11	18	25	14
Wilhelmina	4	6	11	16	43	14
Melb.-Hungaria	2	8	11	16	36	12

**MORWELL FALCONS** 2 (Bezzina 25th, T. van Baar 71st) **FAWKNER** 0 at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

**MORWELL FALCONS** Precioso 8 — Bingham 9, Bruns 8, D. Wilson 7, Tuill 7 — T. van Baar 7, O. Callaghan 7, E. Cassar 7, A. Cassar 8 — Clarke 7, Bezzina 7, (M. Cassar 80th). Coach: Dave O'Connor.  
**FAWKNER** R. Wilson 6 — Walsh 7, Fattore 6, Schupano 6, Bordig non 7, Nixon 6, Mancinelli 6, Flavell 5 (sent off 43rd), Di Cecco 6 — Cozzella 5, Tuffield 6. Coach: Peter Boyle.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3. Bingham (MF), 2. Bruns (MF), 1. A. Cassar (MF).

**NORTHCOTE** 4 (Bekiaris 47th, Toro 63rd, P. Constantinou 79th, 82nd) **MELBOURNE HUNGARIA** 1 (Wallace 35th) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

**NORTHCOTE** Turudis 5 — Patonitis 3, Bozakis 4, Kouremenos 4, J. Constantinou 4 — Bekiaris 5, Toro 5, Gannopoulos 4 — P. Constantinou 6, Tool 4, Aretis 4, Roy Maslaren.  
**MELBOURNE HUNGARIA** Kiss 4 — Mills 3, Morrey 5 (Heary 77th), Reynolds 3 (Debono 75th), Sutherland 3 — Tzambazis 4, Wallace 5, Skerpin 4 — Theodosopoulos 4, Belletsky 4, Roberts 3. Coach: Ian McFarlane.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3. P. Constantinou (N), 2. Wallace (MF), 1. Toro (N).

**CAULFIELD** 1 (Zemunik penalty 60th) **THOMASTOWN** 1 (Coyle 72nd) at Princes Park, Saturday.

**CAULFIELD** Alexandropoulos 6 — Bionis 5, Brooks 6, Koutos 7, Tzitsindis 6 — Filippou 6, Amanatidis 6 (Harris 75th), Taylor 6, Theodosopoulos 6 (Argiros 85th) — Zemunik 5, Sahindis 6. Coach: Mike Lynn.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3. Arcoraci (T), 2. McMillan (T), 1. Di Martino (T).

**SPRINGVALE** 0 **ST. ALBANS DINAMO** 1 (Colina 65th) at Ross Reserve, Sunday.

**SPRINGVALE** Perry Mur 6 — Bentley 6, Adams 7, Bissinger 7,

Hobson 7 — J. Nelson 6, G. Bannan 6 (M. Wald 78th), Bell 7, Garvey 7 — Athersych 7, House 6. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.  
**ST. ALBANS DINAMO**: M. Grogan 8 — Kustura 6, Brkjacic 6, Krajacic 7, Ramjak 7 — Culin 6, M. Wilson 7, Kuzman 6 — Rastovic 7, Lloyd 7, Coyle 6. Coach: Tony Vrzina.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3. M. Grogan (St. Alb.), 2. Adams (Spring), 1. Krajacic (St. Alb.).

**POLOIA** 3 (Marshall 3rd, R. Nelson 53rd, Trogric 76th) **RINGWOOD WILHELMINA** 1 (Mensink 20th) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

**POLOIA** Dachs 6 — A. Czupnik 6, Kotziamichalis 6, Drinoczky 8, Smolarek 6 — P. Czupnik 5 (Gregorczyk 76th), Bennett 6, R. Nelson 7, Wydzis 6, Trogric 6, Marshall 5 (Liparski 65th). Coach: Miron Bieleberg.  
**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA**: Kasmas 5 — Meyer 6, Corke 6, Bates 6, Weymes 6 (Lange 4th, 7. in), Priests 58th — Bakker 6, Storm 8, Verniers 6, McKinley 6 — Nijhof 5, Mensink 5. Coach: Tom Kelly.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3. Storm (RW), 2. R. Nelson (P), 1. Lange (RW).

**WESTERN SUBURBS** 1 (Smallman 24th) **BOX HILL** 1 (Griffin 75th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

**WESTERN SUBURBS** Cinc 6 — Stefanidis 5, Dimovski 6, Kagioglou 5, Hamil 6 — Palmasciotti 5, Esposito 6, Smallman 7, Farmer 6, Tuck 8, McCluskey 7. Coach: Jimmy Konditis.  
**BOX HILL**: McKinley 6 — McPhee 5 (A. McMillan 60th), Hennessy 5, Davidson 5, Hird 7 — Taylor 5 (Gagge 60th), Ramos 6, Hughes 6, Roadhouse 6 — McKinn 7, Griffin 6. Coach: Keith Webster.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3. Tucks (WS), 2. McKinn (BH), 1. Smallman (WS).

**CROYDON** 2 (Brogan 15th, French penalty 88th) **FRANKSTON PINES** 1 (Armstrong 13th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

**CROYDON** Blasby 8 — Brown 8, Tansley 7, O'Reilly 7, Beach 7 — Tai 6 (Harrison 70th), MacLean 7, Livingston 6 — Humble 6 (Cooper 85th), French 9, Brogan 7. Coach: Peter Ollerton.  
**FRANKSTON PINES**: Boland 8 — Thurlow 6, Macleod 6, Cumming 6, Miller 7 — Ross 5, Cullen 6, Webster 7 (in), Watson 80th) — Dick 7, McGoran 6, Armstrong 6 (Rune 75th). Coach: Danny McMinimiee.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3. French (Croy), 2. Boland (Pines), 1. Brown (Croy).

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- 17 — Krajacic (Dinamo).
- 16 — Burton (Box Hill), Walsh (Fawkner).
- 15 — Theodosopoulos (Melbourne), M. Wilson (Dinamo).
- 14 — French (Croydon).
- 12 — O'Callaghan (Morwell), R. Nelson (Polonia), Tuck (Suburbs).
- 11 — Cozzella (Fawkner), P. Constantinou (Northcote), Corke (Wilhelmina), Pianalto, Di Martino (Thomastown).

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## STANDINGS

### Preston League Senior 'A'

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Grasshoppers	2	0	0	35	0	6
Preston Pythons	2	0	0	12	8	6
Euronations	1	0	1	28	8	4
Moreland	1	0	0	7	5	3
Matundies Revenge	0	0	2	0	45	2
Goodonya	0	0	1	3	4	1
Nationals	0	0	1	5	7	1
Ugly Juvenuts	0	0	1	0	13	1

### Preston League Young 'A'

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
United Nations	2	0	0	20	5	6
Olympic	1	0	1	13	10	4
Makedonian Raiders	1	0	0	12	1	3
Gladstone Raiders	0	0	0	5	0	3
Zaggers	1	0	0	4	1	3
Red Star	0	0	2	3	12	2
Makedonian Elim	0	0	2	1	24	2
Athens Strikers	0	0	1	0	5	1

Senior top scorers: 15 — John Metaxas (Grass); 14 — Terry Frangakis (Euro); 7 — Silvio Sella (Grass).

Youth top scorers: 10 — Jim Georgarakis (UNI); 7 — Frank Konstantelos (UNI); 6 — Chris Archimandritis (Oly); Mazda Tosevski (M.R.).

### Donvale Group One

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Smooth Operators	9	0	0	99	19	27
Kaiser Chiefs	7	0	2	54	32	23
Canons	6	2	1	49	29	23
Riviera	6	1	2	71	38	22
Shalters	5	0	4	51	53	19
Red Devils	3	1	5	45	60	16
Calypso	3	0	6	41	59	15
Bonds	2	0	7	32	72	13
Nike	1	0	8	33	62	11
Disciples	1	0	8	27	80	11

### Donvale Group Two

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Carcioffi Rangers	5	1	0	44	12	17
Zlatna Luka	5	0	1	42	18	16
White Peles	4	1	1	30	15	15
Sweathogs	4	0	2	26	19	14
Gippsland Ghosts	3	0	3	33	25	12
Raiders	3	0	3	28	29	12
Ethnic United	2	0	4	17	27	9
Master Blaster	1	0	4	20	33	7
Azzurri	0	1	5	18	36	7
Peperoncini	0	1	4	10	44	2

Group One top scorers: 37 — John Micheloudakis (SO); 36 — Frank Tkalecivic (R); 33 — Spiro Alatas (Can); 27 — Maurice Bisetto (SO).

Group Two top scorers: 23 — Ante Pericic (ZL); 21 — Silvio Sella (GR); 13 — Anthony Carafa (GG).

### Thomastown League

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtics	3	0	0	46	4	9
Manchester Excited	3	0	0	26	4	9
Brilliant Barbas	3	0	0	26	6	9
Furious Five	3	0	0	22	5	9
Internazionale	2	0	1	17	7	7
Marazico	1	0	1	6	18	4
Shamrocks	0	0	3	6	15	3
Gladiators	0	0	3	2	27	3
Wanderers	0	0	3	8	38	3
Gippstars	0	0	3	6	36	3
Vasco de Gama	0	0	1	2	7	1

Thomastown top scorers: 23 — John Metaxas (C); 12 — Peter Paspalis (C); P. Belegirinos (B.B.); 11 — George Thalassinos (M.E.).

### Carcioffi R. 19 Sweathogs 2

Carcioffi Rangers had a relatively easy win at Donvale over the Sweathogs who found their opponents firing at goal most of the time.

The first half saw the Rangers leading 4-1 with a brilliant display from hard shooter Silvio Sella who put a hat-trick away.

Steve Dalcastello also scored for Rangers to send the Sweathogs scurrying for cover.

## PERICIC POUNCES!

The second half began with more fire from Sella who managed another two goals, but then Tocheto took over and notched a hat-trick followed by a goal from Terzini.

The Sweathogs had a good player in Kofos who tried with all his might to keep the powerful Carcioffi Rangers from scoring, but unfortunately it

was not to be. The goals for Sweathogs came from Zachariou in the first half and Kofos in the second.

### Zlatna Luka 8

### Gipps. Ghosts 3

Ante Pericic had a field day against the Ghosts, scoring seven goals.

## THREE-GOAL ARCHIMANDRITIS

Olympic outplayed its opponent in the Preston Youth League and set up victory in the first half by leading 6-1.

Chris Archimandritis had scored a hat-trick and then added Olympic's last two goals in the second half.

Peter Lagaris added two goals for Olympic which was very impressive on the night. Red Star fought hard with Shane Nasteski and Tony Stojcovski doing well.

### United Nations 12

### Mak. Eliminators 0

United Nations dented the Makedonian boys quite easily with the Eliminators failing to score.

Jim Georgarakis scored a whopping seven goals for the match and Frank Konstantelos notched further three.

The whole of the United Nations team played well with Nick Andonovski doing well for the Makedonian Eliminators.

### Moreland 7

### Nationals 5

Moreland playing in their

first game in the Preston Senior League, came from behind to down Nationals 7-5.

After trailing 3-1 at half time, Moreland equalised with two quick goals before it fell behind again.

Both teams put on an excellent match but the newcomers came out with the points.

P. Campbell scored five of Moreland's goals and was very impressive. Alex Sismanis and Lou Tsigras scored the Nationals' goals and were their team's best players.

### Grasshoppers 22

### Mut. Revenge 0

The Grasshoppers completely destroyed the Mutundies who played the whole game with a man short.

Silvio Sella played his first game for the Grasshoppers and scored nine goals. The other major goalscorer was big Ak Kotzichalis who bagged four goals.

The Grasshoppers again wasted a lot of opportunities and one wonders what the score might have been had they been more controlled in front of goal.

The Mutundies continued to fight on despite being depleted from the beginning of the match.

### Preston Pythons 8

### Euronations 5

What a game!

Last season's champion team was downed by this season's exciting newcomer — the Preston Pythons.

Euronations trailed 2-0 but scored two quick goals to go into the break deadlocked at 2-2.

The Pythons again hit the lead before Fabio Gauci arrived for the Euronations to score three goals.

It was almost a match-winning effort but the Pythons steadied and took out this game which had the crowd on its feet throughout the second half.

Virgilio Caruallio played well for the Pythons along with Chico Timas and Jose Ribiero also showed their sharpness and skill.

The Euronations played well but were beaten by a better team on the night.

## 'Twinkle Toes' Fasanella just too good for Vasco

### Man. Excited 13

### Wanderers 2

Manchester Excited continued its unbeaten run in the Thomastown League while the Wanderers sunk to near the bottom of the table after failing to register their first win.

The Wanderers were only 4-1 down at half time but a nine-goal second half by Manchester Excited with Peter Markakos in excellent form put an end to their hopes. Man-of-the-match Markakos scored five goals and George Thalassinos continued his goalscoring run with a hat-trick.

The wanderers captain, Michael Gargano, tried hard while newcomer Ivo De Vincis did well.

### Brilliant Barbas 7

### Vasco de Gama 2

The Brilliant Barbas are in fine form and look a real threat for the championship.

They played Vasco with P. Belegirinos being a constant nuisance throughout the match scoring four times and twice having goals disallowed.

Vince Fasanella showed us why they nicknamed him "Twinkle Toes" with his silky

skills. He also scored a hat-trick.

Vasco was playing its first league match and its best player was Harry Stergiou.

### Celtics 21

### Gippstars 1

The score says it all. Celtic were all over the Gippstars who tried M. Kyriakopoulos in goal without much luck and then reverted back to their usual formation with The Stratopoulis in goal.

This too could not stop the Celtics' onslaught led by man-of-the-match Peter Paspalis who scored five times and showed some great skills and John Metaxas who increased his lead in the top scorer's competition by bagging nine.

John Patisas went into goal to try and halt the Celtic's run and he did a magnificent job pulling off some great saves.

### Internazionale 7

### Gladiators 1

The Gladiators put up a good effort and are improving week by week.

Goalkeeper V. Gorgovskiy did well to stop many efforts by Internazionale.

Inter's Nino Vernali scored a

hat-trick and proved to be its most dangerous player and Peter Rossi also played extremely well.

If Inter can concentrate for the whole game it might prove a handful for the top sides.

### Furious Five 7

### Shamrocks 3

The lads from Ireland just failed to post their first win of the season but it is not too far away.

The Furious Five took a good lead at half time with the score at 5-1. They clearly were outplaying the Shamrocks.

The second half was a different story with the Shamrocks fighting back and scoring two quick goals to be within striking distance.

This was mainly due to John Keoghans's powerful display by scoring all his team's goals and doing well around the court.

The Shamrocks missed a lot of chances but in the end, the Furious Five settled down and scored two goals to put the game beyond their opponents reach.

Les Stildis was very sharp up front for Furious Five while Muzi Eideh and Mohammed Saleh also did well.

### White Peles 10

### Peperoncini 2

The White Peles dominated Peperoncini with an onslaught of goals.

Mainenti played another brilliant game giving his side four goals while hat-tricks went to Carlo Baravelli and Bruno Sabidussi.

The Peles always had a fresh man on the field and so kept the momentum going at all times.

Peperoncini never appeared to get going although it did manage to score a goal in each half.

The Peles, with new recruit Mainenti, are a force to be reckoned with.

### Ethnic United 7

### Master Blasters 5

Ethnic United notched its second win for the season.

The team can put this victory down to the fact that it had Dean Poropat in goal who, although not fully fit, was good enough to hold out Master Blasters.

Master Blasters were down 3-2 at half time and United kept the pressure on to score four goals in the second half to the Blasters three. Although victory went to United all credit must go to the consistent effort put in by the Blasters, in particular Dennis Kakonitis and Z. Kadaras.

## PLAYER PROFILE



NAME: Frank Marchesani.

AGE: 26.

CURRENT TEAM: Gippsland Ghosts.

CAR: Hot Commodore SS.

HOBBIES: Tennis, Golf, Waterskiing.

REP HONORS: Victorian Amateur team 1979, Australian Amateur team 1979.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE: David Parkin, Steve Gough.

GREATEST MOMENT: Running out with the Carlton premiership team on Grand Final Day, 1982.

FAVOURITE SHOWS: Rambo 1 & 2, Miami Vice.

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Jerry Lewis.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Rod Stewart, Police.

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Maradona, Causio, Jimmy Connors.

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# FRATERNITY CLUB

## Genc or Wellbourne for under-21 honor?

Aytec Genc (pictured) of Uruguayan Auburn and Anthony Wellbourne of Wollongong Macedonia are the front runners in the Under 21 Player of the Year Award sponsored by the Fraternity Club of Fairy Meadow.

At this stage, Wellbourne is in front but Genc is within striking distance.

Most State League coaches have been full of praise for the two youngsters and the last four rounds will be nail biting for them as much as for their respective sides which are vying for a place in the top six.

Four of Rockdale Ilinden's stars, from left: Zlatko Nastevski, Vlado Torteovski, Vince Nastoski and Jimmy Risteovski.



# MANLY, MELITA, SUTHERLAND OR KU-RING-GAI?

With four rounds left in the Skypak State League, the race for the minor Premiership still is wide open and four teams are within striking distance — Manly, Melita, Sutherland and Kuringai.



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

For two of the contenders 1-1 Manly Warringah and Ku-Ring-Gai 1-1 this Sunday's clash is all-important. North Sydney's best performed club this season is Manly Warringah, but Ku-Ring-Gai would dearly love to grab that title at Parklands.

Manly's front line still is far from effective and most of its goals have come from midfield with Marshall scoring six, Campbell three and Robbie Stuart three. Gary Van Egmond has scored three goals from fullback, while Don Allan with four and Doug McIntosh with two are the best performed among the Manly striking force.

So it will be a case of stopping Manly's midfield to dull the Sea Eagles' attacking bite. John Dick, Robin and Dean will have an easier task in coping with Bass and Nile but Peter Tschuk could have a big day in this match with his powerful shooting.

It looks like a draw, but if anyone has an edge it is Manly.

Melita will have it all its own way at Corral Memorial despite the threat from Fairy Meadow.

Farnsworth is in fine form as is Ray Farugia.

Melita Eagles have one of the best defences in the league and their forwards have rattled in a lot of goals so far. It is going to be an uphill battle for Meadow with nothing short of a convincing victory for Melita expected at Corral.

Sutherland is set to strike at Knight Park against Avala. The corresponding first round fixture went to Avala 1-0.

Avala has fallen on lean times since and is in all sorts of strife. Filipovic, Blazic, Thurlow, Brown and Jeffery would command respect from any team in the league under normal circumstances, but since round 10 Avala has registered only one win, losing seven matches in that period. That fact coupled with the enthusiasm of the young Sutherland team could provide the base for another Avala debacle.

Player for player, Avala has an edge, but led by Peter Terry, this youthful brigade of Hill, Lerond, Burrows, Hughes and Burchmore is more than a match for any side in the league.

Rockdale Ilinden should return to the winning list after its Chopin Park encounter with Polonia. Many big guns, such as Nastevski, Risteovski, Nastoski and Torteovski will provide too much firepower for this brittle Polonia defence.

Anderson is in fine form, but the lack of understanding between Kuvilick and Robertson could pave the way for Nastevski to increase his 1986 tally of 13 league goals.

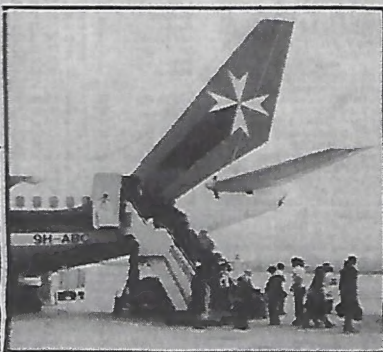
Jurek Drys has been out of touch for the locals and Janic as well as Pop have failed so far this year to threaten with their goalscoring prowess adding to the belief that Ilinden will take the points.

Wollongong Macedonia should have its hands full with much improved Penrith at Berkeley Sports Ground and it will be interesting to see the home side's attitude in this match. Defending will no longer be a viable proposition and its attitude should change to a win-at-all-costs one.

Penrith is also in a do-or-die situation and will be all out to avenge its 0-2 loss to Macedonia earlier in the year. Jamieson, Cross and Don Campbell will be hard pressed to make an impression on Wellbourne, Bingham and Talevski with Macedonia's dominance in the air likely to give it the edge.

At Narrabeen it will be yet another game where the points count "double". Should Freshwater beat Uruguay then all its purchases for the year will be justified. Should Uruguay win it will be difficult to explain many of the moves made by Freshwater. Burke, Driene, Berry, the Bottalico brothers, Speranza, Corrigan and Sterrey came to Freshwater this year with high hopes but so far have failed to leave up to expectations. Uruguay,

on the other hand, has its own reputation to worry about or and a lack of goals.



## Air Malta player of the year award

No further list of leading players will be published. The winner will be announced at the "Soccer Action" Player of the Year dinner to be held at the Fraternity club in Fairy Meadow on October 11.

There were no State League games last weekend due to the international between Australia and Czechoslovakia.

### Skypak State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MANLY WARRINGAH ..	9	7	2	23	9	25
MELITA EAGLES ..	8	7	3	31	11	23
SUTHERLAND ..	9	4	5	21	14	22
KU-RING-GAI ..	7	8	3	20	14	22
Rockdale Ilinden ..	8	4	6	30	21	20
Woll. Macedonia ..	6	8	4	12	11	20
Freshwater ..	7	3	8	29	31	17
Uruguayan ..	4	9	5	14	18	17
Polonia ..	5	6	7	21	28	16
Avala ..	5	4	9	17	28	14
Penrith City ..	6	2	10	26	41	14
Fairy Meadow ..	2	2	14	17	35	6

### Second Division standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
YUGAL ..	13	2	3	44	20	28
GLADESVILLE ..	12	2	3	40	14	27
KINGSFORD ..	10	2	4	33	18	26
NTH BANKSTOWN ..	10	2	6	29	14	22
BLACKTOWN UTD ..	7	5	6	19	15	19
Dee Why ..	7	5	6	12	19	19
Bathurst ..	5	6	7	18	19	16
Lebanon ..	5	5	8	18	27	15
Campbelltown ..	4	6	8	20	23	14
Queens Park ..	6	11	24	34	13	13
Artarmon ..	3	6	9	14	29	12
Canterbury ..	2	11	10	49	5	5

Third Division results: Bondi Marine — Granville Chile 2-2. All other matches cancelled.

### Third Division standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
GRANVILLE CHILE ..	11	7	1	40	20	29
BONDI MARINE ..	9	8	2	33	20	26
ROOTY HILL ..	9	7	2	34	13	25
NTH RYDE RSL ..	10	1	7	23	24	21
WEST UNITED ..	8	4	5	24	20	20
Campbelltown ..	8	3	7	26	16	19
MT Druitt ..	7	4	7	21	21	18
Baulkham Hills ..	5	4	9	29	36	14
Port Hacking ..	5	4	9	24	31	14
Uni of NSW ..	5	3	10	29	36	13
Moorebank ..	5	3	10	17	26	13
King Tomislav ..	1	2	14	14	56	4

## TNT SKYPAK

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## NSW SKYPAK STATE LEAGUE PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

### SKYPAK STATE LEAGUE OF N.S.W. STATE LEAGUE (Round 20, Sunday 17.8.86)

FAIRY MEADOW — MELITA EAGLES, Corral Memorial Park.  
WARR. FRESHWATER — URUGUAYAN, Narrabeen Fitness Camp.  
KU-RING-GAI — MANLY WARRINGAH, Parklands  
AVALA — SUTHERLAND, Knights Park  
POLONIA — ROCKDALE ILINDEN, Chopin Park  
WOLL. MACEDONIA — PENRITH CITY, Berkeley Sports Ground

### DIVISION II, Saturday 16.8.86

NTH BANKSTOWN — KINGSFORD, Potts Park  
BLACKTOWN UTD — DEE WHY, Francis Park

### Sunday, 17.8.86

GLADESVILLE — CANTERBURY, Pioneer Park  
LEBANON — QUEENS PARK, Jensen Oval  
YUGAL — BATHURST, Black Oval  
CAMPBELLTOWN — ARTARMON, Lynwood Park

### DIVISION III, Saturday, 16.8.86

ROOTY HILL — NTH RYDE RSL, Cawarra Park  
WEST UTD — BONDI MARINE, Harold Read Reserve  
GRANVILLE CHILE — MOOREBANK, Garside Park

### Sunday, 17.8.86

PORT HACKING — CAMPBELLTOWN, Seymour Shaw Park  
BAULKHAM HILLS — MT DRUITT, Ted Horwood Reserve  
KING TOMISLAV — UNI OF NSW, Croatian Sports Centre

### STATE LEAGUE, Round 21, Sunday 24.8.86

MELITA EAGLES — PENRITH CITY, Melita Stadium  
URUGUAYAN — FAIRY MEADOW, Mona Park  
MANLY WARRINGAH — WARR. FRESHWATER, Cromer Park  
KU-RING-GAI — SUTHERLAND, Parklands  
ROCK. ILINDEN — AVALA, Hurstville Oval  
PENRITH CITY — POLONIA, Cook Park

### DIVISION II, Saturday, 23.8.86

CANTERBURY — CAMPBELLTOWN, Black Oval  
KINGSFORD — GLADESVILLE, Turruwull  
DEE WHY — YUGAL, Dee Why Oval

### Sunday, 24.8.86

LEBANON — NTH BANKSTOWN, Jensen Oval  
BATHURST — QUEENS PARK, Proctor Park  
ARTARMON — BLACKTOWN, Artarmon Reserve

### DIVISION III, Saturday, 23.8.86

BONDI MARINE — ROOTY HILL, Waverley Oval  
MOOREBANK — WEST UNITED, Hammondville  
UNI OF NSW — GRANVILLE CHILE, Little Bay Oval

### Sunday, 24.8.86

CAMPBELLTOWN — KING TOMISLAV, Bensley Rd.  
MT DRUITT — PORT HACKING, Popondetta Park  
NTH RYDE — BAULKHAM HILLS, Magdala Park







# SCOREBOARD

VIC. AMATEUR ASSOC.									
DIVISION ONE: Chielean Sports Club v L.E.T. 1-3, Dandy Olympic v Essendon 3-0, Northcote United v St Albans 2-1, Melbourne v Burnley 1-1, Watonia heights v Sunshine Asc 0-5.									
DIVISION ONE LADDER									
W	D	L	F	A	P				
Lemos	1	4	1	56	16				
L.E.T.	11	4	3	15	23				
Chielean Sports	3	4	40	43	21				
Sunshine Asc	8	4	31	15	23				
Dandy Olympic	8	4	4	23	39				
North Star	8	3	2	33	39				
Essendon	4	5	7	38	10				
Burnley	4	5	7	38	13				
Watonia Heights	4	3	27	41	5				
West End	3	2	27	48	10				
Proleter Mtd	2	2	12	12	45				
DIVISION TWO: Chielean Sports Club v L.E.T. 0-2, Dandy Olympic v Essendon 3-0, Northcote United v St Albans 2-1, Watonia heights v Sunshine Asc 0-5.									
DIVISION TWO LADDER									
W	D	L	F	A	P				
Westall Timore	11	1	23	23	13				
Dandy Olympic	11	1	24	23	23				
Proleter Mtd	11	1	24	23	23				
Chielean Sports	8	4	3	35	26				
Lemos	9	1	38	35	19				
North Star	9	1	38	35	19				
Sunshine Asc	10	1	39	44	5				
W.F. Fyfe Mtd	4	11	11	53	5				
North Star	2	11	13	53	5				
North Star	2	11	13	53	5				
DIVISION THREE									
W	D	L	F	A	P				
Intercity	9	1	31	13	19				
Keilor Utd	12	2	2	42	14				
Camberwell Grm	4	3	4	29	22				
Intercity	8	3	3	32	18				
Ansley	7	2	4	21	14				
Ansley	7	2	4	21	14				
Mazened College	4	0	9	25	48				
Old Paradians	3	0	9	25	48				
Reservoir Eagles	0	9	11	59	0				
RESERVES									
W	D	L	F	A	P				
Intercity	9	1	31	13	19				
Keilor Utd	12	2	2	42	14				
Camberwell Grm	4	3	4	29	22				
R.M.I.T.	5	8	3	30	13				
Upfield	11	1	2	27	9				
Old Paradians	4	0	5	22	19				
Ansley	2	2	5	9	13				
Mazened College	1	10	1	54	5				
DIVISION 1									
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE									
Ansley	1	1	1	1	1				
Tarziez	3	2	2	2	2				
C.W. Tenham	2	4	1	3	3				
Clenny Down	1	2	2	2	2				
Apollu United	3	6	3	3	3				
DIVISION 2									
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE									
Foglar Furian	2	2	2	2	2				
Firearmakers Utd	1	1	1	1	1				
Northcote United	1	1	1	1	1				
Essendon Tigers	1	1	1	1	1				
DIVISION 3									
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE									
Dallas United	3	3	3	3	3				
Salvador United	3	3	3	3	3				
Waverley Wanderers	10	4	2	52	23	24			
Diggers Rovers	11	2	3	42	21	24			
La Trobe Uni	9	2	2	41	18	14			
Howarth Hill	10	2	4	58	32	19			
East Altona	9	1	3	35	17	19			
Concorde	5	2	8	28	33	14			
East Richmond	7	0	4	17	14	14			
Yarra United	5	2	9	36	42	12			
East Scotch	4	4	8	23	30	12			
Oakleigh Utd	3	2	12	12	68	2			
Nth Melbourne	0	2	12	12	68	2			
RESERVES									
W	D	L	F	A	P				
Waverley Wanderers	11	4	1	65	10	26			
La Trobe Uni	10	2	1	47	10	23			
Concorde	8	2	3	39	27	22			
East Altona	8	5	3	35	19	21			
Yarra United	5	6	4	51	33	16			
Howarth Hill	4	2	1	48	10	10			
Oakleigh Utd	5	1	3	37	60	11			
East Richmond	4	3	8	23	47	11			
East Scotch	2	1	10	10	39	7			
Nth Melbourne	1	5	10	30	59	7			
Nth Melbourne	1	2	11	8	47	4			
AMAT THREE									
W	D	L	F	A	P				
Upfield	8	2	2	61	24	18			
Keilor Utd	8	2	2	61	24	18			
Camberwell Grm	8	2	3	62	29	16			
Intercity	8	3	3	62	38	15			
Ansley	7	2	4	21	14	14			
Ansley	7	2	4	21	14	14			
Mazened College	4	0	9	25	48	4			
Old Paradians	3	0	9	25	48	4			
Reservoir Eagles	0	9	11	59	0	0			
RESERVES									
W	D	L	F	A	P				
Intercity	9	1	31	13	19				
Keilor Utd	12	2	2	42	14	12			
Camberwell Grm	4	3	4	29	22	11			
R.M.I.T.	5	8	3	30	13	10			
Upfield	11	1	2	27	9	9			
Old Paradians	4	0	5	22	19	10			
Ansley	2	2	5	9	13	6			
Mazened College	1	10	1	54	5	2			
DIVISION 1									
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE									
Ansley	1	1	1	1	1				
Tarziez	3	2	2	2	2				
C.W. Tenham	2	4	1	3	3				
Clenny Down	1	2	2	2	2				
Apollu United	3	6	3	3	3				
DIVISION 2									
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE									
Foglar Furian	2	2	2	2	2				
Firearmakers Utd	1	1	1	1	1				
Northcote United	1	1	1	1	1				
Essendon Tigers	1	1	1	1	1				
DIVISION 3									
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE									
Dallas United	3	3	3	3	3				
Salvador United	3	3	3	3	3				

# Croatia, Eagles

Croatia-Glenorchy became the outright leader in Tasmania's Cadbury State Metro-Claremont 7-1 last week and former leaders White Eagles slumped to a 2-0 defeat against Olympia-WPL.

equalized for Croatia in the 28th minute, however, the end seemed nigh for the bottom side and Cowen put Croatia further ahead before the interval.

Having scented blood, Croatia increased the tempo and scored five more

By WALTER PLESS

Cowen) d Metro-Claremont 1 (Peters); Juventus-Pioneer 3 (Broadhouse 2, Pace) d Howrah 0.

Leading goalscorers: 21-J. Broadhouse (Juventus); 19-R. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 14-A. Leszczynski (White Eagles) 12-P. Xanthopoulos (Olympia); J. McIntyre (Croatia); 11-G. Schueler (Howrah). P. Forster

Having scented blood, Croatia increased the tempo and scored five more times against a metro side that looks destined for the drop.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Details: Rapid 2	3	2	3	4	1	28
(Bloomfield, Blake, pen.)	12	2	4	58	24	26
d Caledonians 0; Olympia	12	1	6	49	31	25
2 (Xanthopoulos 2) d	11	2	6	50	28	24
White Eagles 0; Croatia-	6	3	9	29	49	15
Glorach 3, 0; Persia 3	4	3	11	20	34	11

Glenorchy	7	(Bacic	4,	Hovrah	4	2	12	24	50	10
Thomas	2,	Huigsloot	2,	Metro-Cirml	3	3	13	15	53	9

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# Round 18—16/17 August

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

### H'berg Alexander vs Brunswick Juventus

Olympic Village SUNDAY 3pm

*Youth Game: Heidelberg vs Juventus 12.45pm*

Mehmet Durakovic



Zoran Nikitovic

### Footscray JUST vs Green Gully

Schintler Reserve SUNDAY 3pm

*Youth Game: JUST vs Green Gully 12.45pm*

### Brisbane Lions vs Adelaide Hellas

Richlands SUNDAY 1pm

*Youth Game: Fawkner vs Brighton 12.45pm*

Russell Stewart



Sergio Meita

### Adelaide Juventus vs Brisbane City

Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm

*Youth Game: Nunawading vs Frankston Pines 12.45pm*

### Sth Melb Hellas vs George Cross

Middle Park SUNDAY 3pm

*Youth Game: Hellas vs George Cross 12.45pm*

Tyrone James



Sean Lane

### Melbourne Croatia vs Preston Makedonia

Olympic Park No. 1 SUNDAY 3pm

*Youth Game: Croatia vs Makedonia 12.45pm*

## NORTHERN DIVISION

Newcastle Rosebud vs Marconi  
Adamstown Oval SATURDAY 7pmSydney Croatia vs Wollongong  
Croatian Sports Centre SUNDAY 3pmSt George vs Blacktown  
St George Stadium SUNDAY 1pmAPIA vs Canberra Olympians  
Lambert Park SUNDAY 3pmInter Monaro vs Canterbury  
Seiffert Stadium SUNDAY 3pmSydney Olympic vs Sydney City  
St George Stadium SUNDAY 3pm**Ansett.****NBNDR****mitre®**